THE WEATHER
Fair to-night. To-morrow fair and warmer. Light south to west winds.
High tide—3:45 a. m.; 4:15 p. m.
Sun rises—7:13 a. m.; sets—4:19 p. m.
Moon sets—11:40.

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25,000 KILLED

WORLD'S GREATEST DISASTER

BY EARTHQUAKE

ROME, Dec. 29.—In its latest edition to-day the Tribuna here estimates the number of earthquake victims at between 65,000 and 75,000 dead, and twice that number as injured or suffering desperately from hunger and exposure.

The complete destruction of Messina, the second city of Sicily, and with a population of 150,000, was confirmed in an official message to the Italian government to-day.

The message expresses the fear that Reggio, immediately across the Strait of Messina, has met a like fate, and says most of the towns on the strait have been wiped out

Every communication between Catania and Messina has been re-established.

GOVERNOR ASKS STATE TO AID EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Governor Guild sent out the following appeal for relief funds for the earthquake sufferers in Italy:

To the people of Massachusetts:

The terrible earthquake and tidal wave that have devastated Southern Italy have caused a suffering so widespread as to merit the sympathy of the world. I have called the attention of our principal business associations, the Merchants' Association and the Boston Chamber of Commerce, through their presidents, James J. Storrow and Bernard J. Rothwell, to the needs of our brothers across the seas. It has seemed best to the two presidents and to me that a public appeal should be made at once by me for a relief fund.

It is proposed to cable the money to the Italian government, to be distributed among the sufferers, under official direction. Messrs. Lee, Higginson & Co, No. 44 State street, Boston, have been asked by me to act as treasurers and will publicly acknowledge the receipt of all contributions, whether from associations or from individuals. That the money may be safely forwarded and wisely expended by the proper officials in Italy, it is particularly desirable that all contributions from Massachusetts to this cause be sent to the treasurers of this one central fund.

Let us give freely, that food, clothing, shelter and medical aid may be provided for the men, women and children who have lost their all in this frightful disaster. From Italy to all the world came the revival of learning and the renaissance. To Italy we still owe a great debt for music, art, poetry and all that makes for the beautiful in our daily life. In Cato, Brutus and the Roman virtues that they typified the leaders of our own Revolution, the leaders of every people struggling to be free, have found inspiration for their cause.

"*Bis dat qui cito dat.*" "He gives twice who gives quickly." The world's universal appeal for help for those in trouble was framed nearly two thousand years ago by an Italian. May the proverb not fail the land that gave it birth.

CURTIS GUILD, JR.,
Governor of Massachusetts.

75,000 Morti; Disastro in Sicilia

Messina e Reggio Sono Bovinati

ROMA, Dicembre 29, 1908.—In questultima edizione di questoggi la tribuna Italiana riporta che nella scossa di terremoto le vittime sono circa 65,000 or 75,000 morti ed altrettanto ferite sofcrenti da fame e privi di mezzi.

Molti sono ancora vivi sotto le rovine di Messina la popolazione di Reggio sono 50,000 la citta sono 8 miglia lontano perche non hanno mezzi di salvarli e propio imposibile di salvarli. La popolazione di Messina e di circa 100,000 persone.

LONDRA, Dec. 29.—Uno speciale dispaccio da Catanzaro dice che solo pochi migliaia di popolo di Reggio sono salvate dalla morte o dalle ferite.

La Popolazione di Reggio sono 50,000 persone. La citta sono 8 miglia lontano da Messina.

NAPOLI, Dec. 29.—Re Vittorio Emanuele parte quando presto prima per Calabria e Sicilia per fare quando piu quo per aiutare i sofferenti. Egli ha ordinato un treno speciale e questo lo portera vicino al luogo del disastro.

20,000 OUT OF 25,000 IN REGGIO QUAKE VICTIMS

CATANZARO, Dec. 29.—Out of a population of 25,000 at Reggio, 80 per cent. were either killed or wounded, this estimate being based on reports from there this afternoon. The town is believed to have been literally blotted out.

Martial law has been declared and General Freia has ordered the troops to shoot all those found committing depredations.

Troops are being hurried to Reggio and Messina from all over Italy.

REPORT DEAD IN MESSINA AS EXCEEDING 12,000

PALERMO, Sicily, Dec. 29.—Twelve thousand people are dead in Messina, according to the latest reports from that city. It is feared that hundreds of the inhabitants are still alive under the ruins and are doomed to perish in the flames that are sweeping what is left of the city.

The destruction of Messina was due in greater part to the tidal wave than to the earthquake, according to a trainload of refugees who have arrived at Catania from Messina.

Gigantic waves overwhelmed the city, the refugees say, and completed the ruin.

Part of the city literally dropped into the sea. The refugees say the number of dead in Messina, officially reported at 1800, is far too small. They believe that at least 12,000 were killed.

The Hotel Trinacria, which had ninety guests; the Town Hall, Bourse, telegraph office, postoffice and barracks were razed.

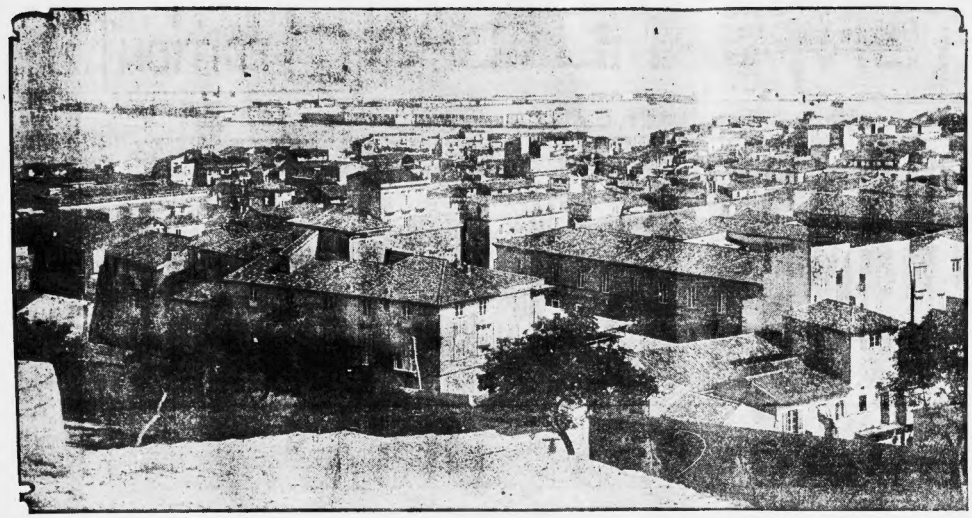
TROOPS SHOOT LOOTERS PREYING ON THE DEAD

ROME, Dec. 29.—The latest reports to reach Rome from the earthquake zone of Sicily and Southern Italy estimate the number of killed at between 65,000 and 75,000. Between 4,000 and 5,000 bodies have already been found by the rescuers and they have made but little headway in the stricken district.

A serious clash between the troops and the looters took place to-day. The troops fired on the miscreants and several of them were killed. The others were driven into the mountains.

Orders were given to the troops to-day to shoot on sight any marauders. The great number of robberies and thefts are accounted for by the fact that all of the prisoners in the jails were either liberated by the shattering of the building by the shock of the earth-

ITALY STUNNED BY AWFUL DISASTER



PANORAMIC VIEW OF MESSINA, REPORTED DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE.

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quake, or those in charge deserted their posts in their fright and the prisoners then gained their freedom.

No effort as yet has been made to capture the prisoners, but the soldiers are doing what they can to drive them from the sections devastated.

Messina, so far as can be learned, was almost entirely destroyed. Whole villages were wiped from the face of the earth in the Province of Reggio by fire that followed the upheaval of the earth. In some places the upward force was so great that buildings were hurled into the air.

General Costa, who was also an archbishop, and who was in command of the garrison at Messina, is among the dead. It is thought that ten torpedo boats that were moored at Messina are lost.

DEAD AT PALMI ARE 1,000 BAGNARAALSODESTROYED

MONTELLEONE, Calabria, Dec. 29.—The town of Palmi has been practically destroyed, as has also Bagnara. The dead at Palmi number 1,000, and it is impossible to estimate the injured. Large numbers were killed and injured also at Bagnara. Details are lacking.

The tidal wave inundated a villa at San Giovanni, 2,500 feet back from the shore line.

Palmi has 10,000 inhabitants, while Bagnara counts 7,500 people.

WILL COUNT THE DEAD BY THE TENS OF THOUSANDS

ROME, Dec. 29.—Premier Giolitti has received a telegram from Deputy Felice, at Messina, confirming previous reports of the complete destruction of Messina by fire following the earthquake. The deputy says that the dead at Messina will be counted by the tens of thousands.

ETNA NOW THREATENS WITH ERUPTION TERROR

CATANIA, Dec. 29.—Signs of volcanic activity were noticed to-day in Mt. Etna, and it is feared that an eruption is imminent.

Mt. Etna is but a few miles from Catania, and its detonations are plainly heard here. The last eruption of the mountain was in 1892.

JAIL IS WRECKED; GUARDS IN BATTLE WITH PRISONERS

PALERMO, Dec. 29.—The government salt works at Augusta were wrecked by the earthquake. The prisoners employed there mutinied and were suppressed after a battle with the guards.

At Potti the shock was accompanied by a blinding flash of lightning. Many of the buildings in Barcelona are in ruins and a number of lives are reported lost. A number of persons were killed at Castro, Reale and Montagne.

SEVERAL TOWNS IN FRANCE SHAKEN; NO DAMAGE REPORTED

TOULOUSE, France, Dec. 29.—Earthquakes were felt at Pau, Bigorre, Oloron and a number of other places in France at the time of the shock in Italy. No damage is reported.

FURTHER SHOCKS ARE FEARED TO DAY IN 'QUAKE REGION

PALERMO, Dec. 29.—Reports from all the towns and villages around Messina say that serious damage has been done by the earthquake and that the number of victims is large.

The gravest damage was done to public buildings and churches at Florida, Noto, Chiaramonto, Vittoria, Paterno, Terranova, Marianopoli and Naro. At Mineo there were a number of shocks.

At Augusta, which once before was destroyed by an earthquake, the tidal wave wrecked the government salt works. The prisoners employed there mutinied, but were eventually suppressed.

At Patti the shock was accompanied by a blinding flash of lightning. Many of the buildings in Barcelona are in ruins and a number of lives are reported lost. A number of persons were killed at Castro, Reale and Montagne.

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FEAR AMERICAN CONSUL IN SICILY IS AMONG THE DEAD

ROME, Dec. 29.—It is feared that the American consul at Messina has perished. He was Dr. Arthur S. Cheney, Yale '80, and his wife is a New Haven, Ct., man.

To add to the terrible effects of the disaster, thieves were seen at work setting fires at various points and stealing everything they could lay their hands on, not stopping at robbing the injured as they lay helpless, and the dead.

The authorities, however, promptly took the most stringent measures to maintain order, and those who were caught in acts of incendiarism and robbery were severely dealt with.

BALL OF FIRE AND DISTURBANCES IN WESTERN KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—Reports from the western part of this State say that earth shocks were felt about the time of the earthquake in Italy and Sicily. A dispatch from Hopkinsville says that a ball of fire was seen in that place and was followed by seismic shocks.

TERRIBLE SCENES IN STRICKEN LAND; HUNDREDS DEAD

CATANZARO, Dec. 29.—Dispatches from Palmi and Bagnara, which are a short distance from Reggio, describe the effects of the earthquake and tidal wave as terrible. Many houses were destroyed and the dead and injured number well into the hundreds.

SURVIVORS TELL OF GREAT HAVOC FOLLOWING SHOCK

CATANIA, Dec. 29.—Survivors from Messina, brought here over the railway which has been repaired, report several quarters of the city destroyed, and the big cathedral of the Norman period damaged. A few of the public buildings are standing.

The reports are still confused, as those who escaped in the disaster are unable to give connected accounts of what followed the tidal wave.

FRANCE SENDS SQUADRON TO AID IN RESCUE WORK

PARIS, Dec. 29.—France to-day ordered the battleships Justice and Vertie, and three destroyers to go to Messina under forced draught to aid in the work of rescue.

CARUSO GIVES $5,000 IN AID OF QUAKE SUFFERERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Benefit opera performances to aid the survivors of the Calabrian earthquake are being planned by the members of the Metropolitan and Manhattan opera companies, many of whom come from the stricken regions.

Following the lead of Enrico Caruso, the noted tenor, who has donated a week's salary, $5,000, to aid the sufferers, the other opera stars are subscribing large amounts, and the various Italian organizations throughout the city are planning to aid their countrymen.

STRICKEN CITIES VISITED BEFORE BY 'QUAKE HORROR

The scene of the earthquake horror is one of the most picturesque parts of the beautiful old world country.

Sicily is the largest, most fertile and most populous island in the Mediterranean Sea and is separated from the mainland of Italy by the narrow strait of Messina. Its area is 9,828 square miles.

It is for the most part a plateau from 500 to 1,000 feet above the level of the sea, and traversed throughout its northern half by a chain of mountains.

The first part of the chain, from Capo di Faro to Taormina, is called the Peloritan range, which, in Monte Dinamare, attains the height of 3,700 feet. The second and much the longer part is called the Nebrodian range, near the middle of the north coast it receives the local name of Le Madonie, and rises in the Pizzo d'Antenio to 6,367 feet, the highest point to the island except Etna.

Although rivers are numerous none is navigable. The principal perennial streams are the Simeto, the Salso, the Platani and the Belici.

Sicily's population has a mixture of the blood of the various races which have at different times borne sway in its history. Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Goths, Saracens that rose on the ruins of old Rome, the Saracens, the Moors and the Normans.

The chief active volcano of Sicily is Etna. The volcanoes of Vulcano and Stromboli are on islands to the north of Sicily.

Catania was an important city under the Greeks and Romans, but all of the structures erected by them have been destroyed by earthquake or buried by lava from Etna.

Again, in the same position, on a city of nearly 20,000 persons, was in 1693 nearly destroyed by an earthquake.

Calabria is the southern "compartimento" of Italy, forming the toe of the great boot which is the shape of Italy's mainland. This whole region is subject to frequent and violent earthquakes, the most disastrous having been that of 1783.

Catanzaro is the capital of the province of the same name. It is chiefly known for its sulphur deposits.

DISASTER THE WORST SINCE GREAT 1783 CALABRIA 'QUAKE

Italy's latest disaster is similar in extent, and loss of life to that disaster of 1783, one of the worst in the history of the country. It caused widespread damage on both sides of the Strait of Messina, which separates the "boot" of Italy from Sicily, and wrecked the seaport of Messina.

The loss of life in the 1783 disaster is estimated at 60,000. Messina, which is by far the largest town on both sides of the strait, suffered then, severely from a tidal wave.

The region around about Messina has also been often overwhelmed by eruptions from Mt. Etna, which is south by west of the city, but while Etna's eruptions have caused great loss of life in the southeast section, the northeastern portion has not been by any means so severely damaged by them.

If a line were drawn through the centre of the island east and west it would be found that the country that the southeastern portion has been damaged time and again by the eruptions of Etna and very often by earthquakes, while the northeastern portion has sustained heavy loss of life and property from earthquakes and very little from volcanic eruptions.

The contrast is all the more singular for the reason that Etna is situated above the coast and west the

MESSINA FAMOUS AS THE CENTRE OF BIG EARTHQUAKE

The record of yesterday's earthquake in Sicily and southern Italy, according to the cable dispatches, was through very much the same area as that of the earthquake of 1783, which was the most destructive in the history of Italy.

Then, as now, the earthquake caused enormous damage on both sides of the Strait of Messina, which separates the toe of the so-called "boot" of Italy from Sicily.

The historic disaster completely wrecked the populous seaport of Messina in Sicily near the northern end of the strait and destroyed many smaller cities and towns in southern Italy and Sicily.

The loss of life in this disaster of 1783 was estimated at 60,000. Messina, a city which is for the most part but little above the level of the sea, suffered terribly—then, as yesterday, from a tidal wave.

Great Commercial Centre.

The region to the south of Messina has also been often overwhelmed by eruptions from Mt. Etna. The southeastern and eastern portion has sustained heavy loss of life and property from earthquakes and very little from volcanic eruption.

Messina, which as in 1783 suffered the greatest loss of life and property from the earthquake yesterday, is a city and seaport of upward of 80,000 inhabitants, while in the commune embracing the city, suburbs and adjacent country the population is upward of 152,000.

Next to Palermo it is the chief commercial town of Sicily, and its harbor, which is formed by a peninsula, is the busiest in Italy from the standpoint of steamboat traffic.

City of Great Buildings.

Among all the Italian cities the town ranks fourth in the volume of its commerce. The total tonnage entered and cleared in a recent year was 3,300,000, with imports valued at $4,000,000 and exports at $10,000,000. Silk, oil, wine, coral, fruit essences, argol, oranges and lemons are the principal articles of commerce.

The fish and wines of the district find a ready sale and in manufactures the town is noted for its silks and damasks. Apart from these the manufacturing interests are not important the chief products being hardware, silk, muslin and linen.

The city is the seat of an appeal court, an archbishop and a university. The university was opened in 1838 and is attended by some 600 students. There is also a technical institute in the city, and there is a municipal hospital which is a vast structure built prior to 1090 A. D.

Many Points of Interest.

The principal object of interest to tourists, apart from the scenic attractions of the place, is the cathedral which was begun in 1098, at the time of Norman occupation of the island, and part of which are still standing as originally constructed with the exception of the evidences of damage wrought by the frequent earthquakes.

The cathedral, like the town, has had many vicissitudes and bears the marks of most of them. In 1254 it was damaged by fire which broke out in the course of the funeral of Conrad IV.

In 1550 the spire of the campanile burned down. In 1783 the campanile and the transept were overthrown by an earthquake.

The city also with Palermo is president of society. A chain of abrupt peaks rises behind it on the east to the height of 1,500 feet and the view of the oddly shaped harbor is most attractive. The climate is very even, with a mean temperature of 66 degrees Fahrenheit.

Founded in 732 B. C.

The town is one of great antiquity, and derived its first known name, Zancle or sickle, from the shape of the harbor. It was founded by Cumaean pirates and Chalcidians in 732 B. C. and was governed by the laws of Charondas.

At the end of the fifth century B. C. the town was seized by fugitives from Samos and Miletus, and soon after fell under the dominion of Anaxilas, the tyrant of Rhegium, who introduced Messenians from the Peloponnesus, by whom the name was changed to Messana.

The tyrant's sons were expelled a few years after his death, and the constitution was re-established. In the great Athenian war with Syracuse the city remained neutral.

In 396 B. C. the town was destroyed by the Carthaginians, but was restored a few years later by Dionysius of Syracuse, only to fall again into the hands of the Carthaginians under Hannibal in 269. The first Punic war, however, left the place in the hands of the Romans and the place was of importance second only to that of Syracuse and Lilybaeum in Sicily during the period of Roman supremacy lasting for several centuries.

40,000 Died of Plague.

In 853 A. D. the town was taken by the Saracens, but in 1061 it was taken from them by the Normans. The city prospered greatly during the Crusades, being a favorite rendezvous for soldiers from the continent en route to the Holy Land. In the Middle Ages also it became a flourishing commercial city.

Its political importance disappeared after a bitter struggle between the aristocratic faction, or Merli, and the democratic faction, or Mavizzi, in 1674. The democratic faction appealed to the French and the other to the Spaniards. The former faction were at first victorious, but eventually were deserted by the French, the city was taken by the Spaniards, and after the struggle was over the population was reduced from 120,000 to about a tenth of that number.

The town never fully recovered from this disaster. Whatever recovery was made was neutralized in the eighteenth century by a series of disasters. In 1740 about 40,000 persons died of the plague, and in 1782 the town was almost entirely overthrown by the great earthquake of that year.

Built on Low Ground.

Great damage was caused by bombardment in September, 1848. The cholera carried off no fewer than 16,000 victims in 1854 and earthquakes in 1894 and 1906 also caused loss of life and property. In 1860 the town was occupied by Garibaldi and became a part of united Italy the following year.

In respect to the feature apparently resulting in the greatest loss of life, the Messina disaster bears a close resemblance to the great earthquake of Lisbon, which on November 1, 1755, laid half the city in ruins and caused the death of nearly 60,000 persons.

A large portion of Lisbon, the N quarter, was built on ground but little above the level of the bay and River Tagus, it was the tidal wave following the earthquake that caused by far the greatest damage.

Great Tidal Wave.

The Lisbon earthquake is one of the most memorable recorded in history and the tidal wave which followed was the greatest wave in Europe or America exceeding it. According to accounts accepted as reliable, the sea retired almost as soon as the shock of the earthquake was felt, leaving the bar dry, and returned in a few minutes as a great wave or breaker fifty feet or more in height.

In six minutes it had engulfed the entire lower portion of the city and in this time at least 10,000 people perished. Some of the estimates place the number drowned as high as 60,000.

A portion of the city was permanently engulfed beneath the waters of the bay. The waves caused great damage in many portions of Africa, and as far away as Scotland made a tide several feet above all previous high water marks.

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Votes sent by mail should be posted not later than to-night. All votes received after the coming hour to-morrow will positively be counted until next week. Therefore, candidates desiring to make a good showing in the first next Sunday, would do well to see to it.

A word to Sunday School superintendents of the nine voting districts:

The BOSTON AMERICAN will send the thirty-six most popular Sunday school teachers in Boston and suburbs on FREE EUROPEAN TOURS, to include England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Italy.

The winners are to be determined by you.

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The Houghton & Dutton Company Athletic Association will hold its second annual concert and ball in Copley Hall, Clarendon street, New Year's Eve. The concert from 8 to 9 will be under the direction of Conmee McNamara and will be directed instead. It includes vocal and instrumental solos, also vaudeville specialties by noted artists. The entire proceeds of tickets is beyond the expectation of the committee. Some new and novel effects in the electrical illustration of the ball will be introduced by Henry Langdon who has won high praise by his work in connection with the electrical displays on the Houghton & Dutton Building.

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$18.50 Taffeta Dresses..... $9.75
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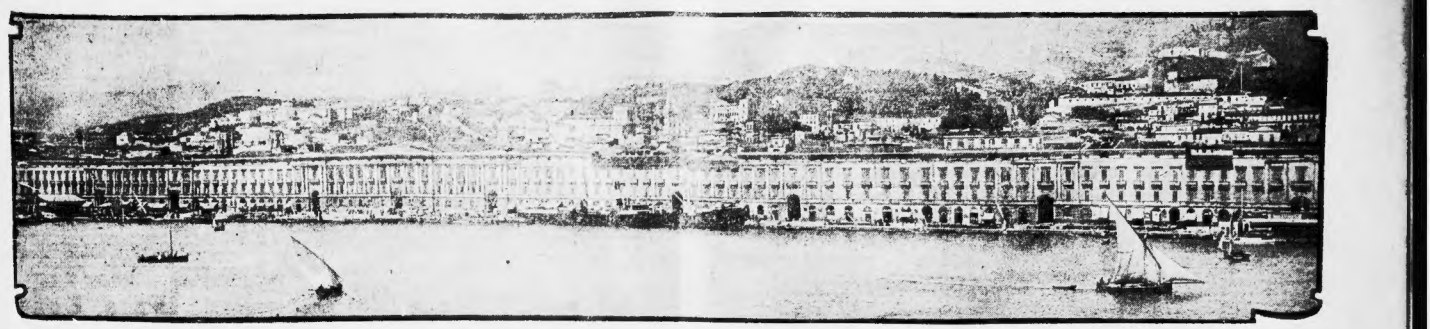
DEATH NOTICES.

HARLOW—In this city, Dec. 28th, Thomas Patz Harlow, aged 62 yrs.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence, No. 7 Buckman st., Everett, Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Plymouth, Mass., papers please copy.

150,000 INJURED AND SUFFERING



WATER FRONT AT MESSINA, WHERE GREAT TIDAL WAVE ROLLED IN TO INUNDATE CITY

RUIN BY TIDAL WAVE FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Each bulletin coming in from Rome and Naples adds to the horror of the earthquake in the Island of Sicily and it now looks as if the loss of life will reach 75,000.

The city of Messina, the centre of population in Sicily, is in ruins, literally wiped out of existence. Thousands are believed to be still alive beneath the wreckage of the city, but owing to the inadequacy of the means for rescue it will be impossible to save them.

A combination of earthquake and tidal wave, which shook all the southern provinces of Italy and the whole of Sicily, has caused one of the greatest disasters of modern times.

On top of this comes a brief wire from Catania, a Sicilian city which escaped the greater force of the earthquake, giving the news that Mt. Etna, one of the famous volcanoes of Italy, is preparing to erupt again. Gigantic pillows of fire blended smoke are pouring from the crater upon the city below.

The people are in the wildest panic. The rumbling detonations are plainly felt in Catania, the bulletins say. Although a government proclamation has been issued setting forth that while the activities of the volcano are undoubtedly the result of the earthquake, a great eruption is not to be expected, because such a phenomenon seldom accompanies violent seismic disturbances, the public refuses to be quieted. Every train out of the city is loaded with fugitives, and hundreds of refugees have taken to ships out into the Ionian Sea.

75,000 in Death Toll.

From Rome comes a dispatch that Prince Gi-IIII has received an official report from the Deputy of Messina that the death list will be at least 75,000.

Other bulletins from the many cities and villages on Sicily and from cities and towns in Calabria tell a tale of horror and appalling loss of life. The cities of Palmi and Bagnara in Calabria have been destroyed. At least 5,000 are believed to have perished in Palmi, one-half the population of Bagnara, which had 7,000 inhabitants, are thought to be buried in the ruins.

A special dispatch received here from Catanzaro says that only a few thousands out of the entire population of Reggio have escaped death or injury.

Lieutenant-General Pieno di Cesaatis has ordered that all looters and robbers be shot on sight. Martial law will be instituted in the earthquake zone.

The population of Reggio is placed at about 25,000 persons by the best authorities. The city is eight miles south of Messina.

Pope Greatly Distressed.

Rome dispatches state that the Pope is greatly distressed over the terrible catastrophe. The King and Queen of Italy are not in Rome at present, having gone on a visit to Naples.

From Naples it is learned that the King is deeply concerned for his people in Calabria and Sicily and that he has ordered a special train to be prepared, and this will take him as near as possible to the scene of the disaster. From this point he will use any transportation facilities available to get into Reggio and Messina.

All communication has been destroyed throughout eastern Sicily, where the damage is the greatest, and the information received is by government from Messina or wireless from a warship in the harbor to that fine city is almost destroyed.

Vandals are Busy.

Awful stories of vandalism are coming in from Calabria. The robbers pillaging the ruins of shattered buildings, and even taking away houses and suffering rich and dead, stole clothing and valuables from the dead. They were not deterred by the flames that broke out in several portions of the city, but took advantage of the light for their vandalism. The sight in Messina was one of horror indescribable.

Official dispatches from Naples say that the first shocks in Sicily were felt at 5 o'clock in the morning and in the cotter radius the main disturbance lasted for about thirty-two seconds. The range of the disaster, from the point of view of serious damage, is about 200 miles in diameter. The western end of Sicily escaped with slight shocks. The disturbance extended through the toe of Italy for about 150 miles toward Naples.

Tidal Wave Follows Quake.

Following the earthquake came a tidal wave thirty feet high, which badly damaged the shipping in almost all the Sicilian ports. According to the latest reports, which are not full, however, as to sentiments as to details, the most disastrous part of Messina's experience is the second, the terrible wave, which, following the earthquake, engulfed half of the city, sweeping away houses and suffering rich and dead, all into the sea, and the furious inrush of water engulfed the mainland.

After the first waves swept over the city the water subsided, for only to gather strength for a second rush that swept the mainland for miles and wrought untold destruction.

Hundreds of vessels were lost in the mad swirl, and the deaths resulting from the destruction of ships alone will reach far into the hundreds.

The Pope was informed today that the religious communities of Messina and Reggio and several other towns, including bishops, priests, monks and nuns, have fallen victims to the earthquake and fire. The news so distressed him that it is feared his indisposition of the last few weeks will be greatly accentuated.

Prisoners Loot Ruins.

To help the hapless victims from the very poorest strata of society, many of the stricken towns have been placed under martial law and 5,000 troops have been rushed to the scene, with another 10,000 preparing to leave at once. The looters are left to scenes of riotous prisoners, who escaped from the jails during the shocks, and were soon all murderers on sight.

What added to the horror of the disturbance was the fact that the earthquake came at a time when the people of the affected region. They took upon the calamity as a visitation of God, and were praying for saints for deliverance. In many cities these terror-stricken people, roused by hordes devoted to the churches while there, were panic-stricken, danger of collapse and saved the images of the saints, their religious rites, nothing softening, nay to the otherwise terrifying picture.

Thousands of refugees have fled to the mountains, where they are wandering shelterless and almost penniless.

Bitter Cold Adds to Horrors.

Railway communication between Messina and Catania was re-established today and trains are now bearing the refugees from the former city. These refugees say that but 41 of the 200 men forming the customs guard at Messina were saved and that when the roll of 280 railway employees was called but eight answered. At Ripesto 57 are known to have been killed.

As though to add to the terror of the situation, the weather has suddenly become exceedingly cold and the suffering of the homeless wanderers is intense. The quake came while most of the people were still in bed and many escaped in only their night clothes. This is on the precise they have from the cold.

Reports from the various European cap tals indicate that Europe is aroused by the catastrophe as it has not been in half a century, and offers of aid are coming from all sources.

Italy the Italian government is able to stiff down the situation, an appeals will be made. All gratuitous offers, however, of military and naval aid are being accepted. King Victor Emmanuel is now on the scene personally directing the work of rescue just as he did three years ago.

PRESIDENT SENDS CABLE OF SYMPATHY TO ITALIAN KING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt sent a cable of condolence to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy today, expressing his sympathy and the sympathy of the American people with the earthquake sufferers. He also said in his dispatch that the American National Red Cross had issued an appeal for contributions to aid the sufferers, and would coöperate with the Italian Red Cross Society.

Following is the text of the message:

His Majesty Victor Emmanuel III., Rome:

"Will ill my countrymen I am appalled by the dreadful calamity which has befallen your country. I offer you sincere sympathy for you. American National Red Cross has issued appeal for contributions for the suffering and notified me that they will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross.

"(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

DEATH TOLL OF FORMER ITALIAN EARTHQUAKES

Year.	Place.	Killed.
1693	Sicily	15,000
1268	Cilicia	60,000
1456	Naples	40,000
1626	Naples	70,000
1693	Sicily	100,000
1703	Aquila	5,000
1706	The Abruzzi	15,000
1726	Palermo	6,000
1783	Calabria	60,000
1805	Naples	6,000
1829	Murcia	6,000
1857	Calabria	10,000
1905	Calabria	416

FLAMES SWEEP RUINS, STORM ADDS TO HORROR

By UNITED PRESS.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Italy is a nation paralyzed. With staring newspapers declaring 75,000 dead and semi-official government estimates from enough districts to make it practically certain that the total dead cannot be less than 25,000; with pressing as many more facing death from injuries and exposure, the fine performance of yesterday's disaster is being revealed.

To add, if possible, to the misery of an already overwhelmed people, Mt. Etna is today emitting giant clouds of dark sulphurous smoke, awakening the echoes of the seldom interrupted with its grumblings, and rumblings, make a terror of rain driven before a biting north wind has intensified a hundredfold the anguish of thousands of half-clad, penniless refugees.

Telegraphic communication has been completely restored as far south as Palmi and it is to this point that reports are coming via couriers, vessels and isolated bits of telegraph wire. A tabulation of these reports follows.

Swept by Fire and Sea.

Messina—Shaken by quake and swept by tidal wave. Twelve thousand of a population of more than 160,000 known rescued dead.

Reggio—Entire city reported destroyed. Eighty per cent. of population of 25,000 either killed or wounded.

Death list reported upward of 1,400.

Catania—Death list here light, probably not reaching 100, but activity of Mount Etna has terrorized peasants, and officials unable to drive them from congested churches, where families would be terrified to arrest of another shock.

Palmi—Entire city wrecked, and more than 500 of the 10,000 inhabitants killed. Town shaken down and dred. Three hundred dead reported, with 500 injured of the population of 7,500.

Troops are being rushed into the stricken districts from every quarter, and King Victor Emmanuel is on his way south to take personal charge of the work of rescue.

Fear Torpedo Fleet Lost.

No word has yet been heard of the fleet of 10 torpedo boats known to have been off Messina and it is feared that all of them went to the bottom. In addition to the Italian flying squadron, consisting of the Vittorio Emanuel, Regina Elena and the Napoli, which is expected off Messina tonight, two French battleships and three torpedo boats of the Mediterranean squadron are speeding to the scene. Late this afternoon the British battleship Exmouth and Scouts Egyptian, Minerva and Sutlej, were ordered to Messina from the Malta station.

The beautiful city of Messina on the eastern coast of Sicily, and the immediate surrounding country appear to have been the most sorely stricken.

With a population of 150,000 and containing many of the most notable structures in Sicily, Messina's fate is told in the two brief words, "Shaken down."

A victim of the combined wrath of the earth, sea and fire, practically nothing is left of what was the second city in the island. The official figures of the dead in Messina were early placed at 1,800, but

Enveloped in Tidal Wave.

The tidal wave following the quake was probably the most devastating in the history of such disasters. At Ripesto it was reported as reaching a height of 36 feet, but this is believed impossible.

It is known that at Messina, Catania, Reggio, Palmi and many coast towns, great stretches of the shore seemed literally to

CONSUL WILL JOIN GUILD IN APPEAL

A reserve fund has already made arrangements to make an appeal for funds. Acting Consulate will coöperate with the Guild as far as possible.

Dr. Angelo M. Pannocchini, Acting Consul in the absence of Angelo Ascoli, who is in Rome, made this announcement today.

The Italian residents of this city are deeply moved by the earthquake, as most of them in this city and neighborhood are from Sicily and many of them from Messina. The Calabrians are also unusually represented in this city.

The officers of the consul were besieged early this morning, and all day they have been making inquiries about the disaster, but nothing definite is known.

Said Dr. Pannocchini:

"The Sicilian people here and most of the Italians are excited over this appalling disaster because the victims of the earthquake and the tidal wave are their friends, sisters, relatives and friends. It is safe to say that nine-tenths of the Italian people in this city are from the stricken parts. There were all kinds and conditions there, rich and poor, but now everybody is poor, because all has been lost and wiped out. Everybody is injured."

"We may call a mass meeting to express our sympathy to those stricken, but as however Guild has already taken the initiative we shall be glad to follow him.

"Messina is a city of 150,000 inhabitants, separated from Calabria, also destroyed, by a narrow strait, a half-hour or less by ferryboat.

FRIENDS FEAR BOSTON WOMAN IS 'QUAKE VICTIM

Friends of Mrs. Maelo W. Fobert of Boston and Rockland fear that she may have been a victim of the Messian disaster. Mrs. Fobert is well known in musical and literary circles. Because of her poor health she has been spending most of the time during the past two years in Sicily. A

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friend in Boston received a letter from her about two weeks ago, written from No. 564 Garibaldi street, Messina.

Mrs. Fobert returned to Boston the first of last September, but decided that the balmy air of Sicily had done her so much good that she returned, sailing with her husband on the Canopic, October 3. In the letter Mrs. Fobert writes:

"We are going to spend the rest of the Winter and possibly next Summer here, for I find that my health is so much better here than in New England."

The cables from Messina have been so meagre that the friends of Mrs. Fobert have been unable to tell what parts of that city were destroyed by the giant tidal wave that is said to have done so much damage.

BOSTON ITALIANS TO PLAN FOR RELIEF AT MASS MEETING

It is estimated that 15,000 of the 60,000 Italians in Boston came from Sicily and the region of Italy reported devastated by the earthquake.

Frank M. Zottoli, a lawyer, says that undoubtedly a mass meeting of Italians here will be called to organize relief. He believes Italians here will learn through the regular mails of friends and relatives killed or injured in the disaster.

IMMIGRANTS HERE FROM STRICKEN CITY

Arriving on the White Star liner Canopic today, which reached her dock at 10 o'clock, were between 300 and 400 Italian immigrants from the section of Italy and Sicily that was devastated by the earthquake disaster. An attempt was made to keep them in ignorance of what had taken place at their homes, but somehow the sad news got out and tears were streaming down the faces and sobs shaking the forms of scores of the passengers of the big boat as they were landed.

The Canopic got into quarantine last night. The officers of the vessel were then told of the disaster. It was deemed best to keep the news from those in the steerage, but it was only a little time until a wail of distress, that increased in intensity as the hours of the night passed, told the ship's officials of the fears that were felt by those who had lately left their homes.

With the immigrants from Italy was V. Gambardello, known as a royal state commissioner of Italy. One such officer of the Italian Government comes with every lot of immigrants. He is a surgeon and is informed as to the health of the newcomers. When he was seen today by a reporter of the BOSTON AMERICAN he said:

Fills Hearts With Woe.

"This is sad news indeed. It has filled the hearts of between 300 and 400 of the young men and young women especially with woe. All who are from the district that is reported to have suffered most from the disaster. We tried to keep the news from them until after they had passed inspection and landed.

"I do not know how it happened, but they heard of it. They were full of hope and gladness that they were about to set foot in America, where the opportunities are so much greater than in their own country, but this feeling was replaced with one of deep sorrow.

"Those people know of the terrible suffering that follows in the wake of one of those great convulsions of nature. They have seen the effects of the earthquake, the tidal wave or both that licks up what is left after one of those shocks.

"Scores of the poor boys and girls who left their homes and who landed here looked forward eagerly to the time when they could send money to them, but now in this country have besieged me to tell them the worst of the catastrophe. But I can't. The news is so meagre and all I have been able to get is from the newspapers.

Suffer in Ignorance.

"What they want to know is definite information as to whether their families are safe. Of course I can give them nothing of a satisfactory character. They will have to wait and suffer in their ignorance and anxiety."

On the Canopic were Mrs. James Joffrey Roche and her daughter, Miss Adeline Okie. Mrs. Roche was also greatly interested in the news of the disaster. She has a home in Florence.

One of the women who came in the steerage and who was greatly distressed by the news was Mrs. Maria Rocci, who came here from Calabria with three small children to join her husband, who is in business in Boston.

"I left three other children older than these at home," she said, "and I am almost crazy from fear that they have been killed. Just as soon as I meet my husband I shall try to cable back to see if they are safe. There are many others on the boat who left relatives there, and from what I have learned it is almost certain that many of them have perished."

While Mrs. Rocci was talking her husband came to the boat and they started away together. They went to a bank and said they would get the banker to get a message through if possible.

POPE WANTED TO GO TO ASSISTANCE OF THE SUFFERERS

ROME, Dec. 29.—Pope Pius X. was greatly distressed at the news of the scourge that had afflicted his town people in the south. After kneeling fervently in prayer he said he felt his place was amid his suffering children, and it was his firm intention to give orders to begin the journey, but his physicians insisted the state of his health would not permit it.

MANY FRIGHTFUL DISASTERS IN CALABRIA HISTORY

Reggio de Calabria, which is reported to have suffered greatly in yesterday's earthquake, was almost destroyed in the earthquake of 1783, when 60,000 lost their lives, and has many times suffered from seismic disturbances.

Behind the city rises Aspromonte, where Garibaldi was taken prisoner in 1862. The city has a modern cathedral, an old castle, a state Garibaldi public library, technical school, lyceum, etc., and has large manufactures of linens, silks, perfumes, wines and olive oil.

Its population is in the vicinity of 50,000. Reggio is the ancient Rhegium and was founded B. C. 725, since the earthquake of 1783 it has been rebuilt and extended until it covers far more than its original area.

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HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS IN BOSTON'S THEATRES

BRINKLEY GIRLS IN REAL LIFE AT THE TREMONT

"I'm the latest craze on Broadway,
Sweet Nell Brinkley Girl.
Every fellow tries to kiss me,
Four Nell Brinkley Girl.
I'll give ever'body one like me,
Then you will have a pow'r.
It you will be my Brinkley Boy,
I will be your Brinkley Girl."

The Brinkley Girl is in Boston and just as much in evidence as she comes with frames of those and is seen at the Tremont Theatre with the other goodies on the illustrated menu.

At the opening of the latest "Follies" last night the audience made Annabelle Whitford (the Nell Brinkley Girl) sing the verses and refrain over and over again while the curtain rose and fell on different stage pictures of Brinkley Bettys and Brinkley Billyums. The audience used up all the verses and all the pictures and called for more.

The audience at this opening was mostly calling for more, as Olive Tutlet, it made Norah Bayes sing her "Come-All-Ye" song to the last verse she had. Likewise, when she sang "You're Mother Was a Girl" in the second act the applause kept up till Miss Bayes came out and said frankly: "I don't know any more."

Merry Slam at Jersey.

Then the audience took all Jack Norworth would give it singing "Over on the Jersey Side." There's a rollicking swing to the "Jersey" song, too, especially that last line of the chorus:

"Over on the Jersey, Jersey, Jersey, over on the Jersey Side."

The song is tough on Jersey. As Norworth explains in the final verse:

I'll never sing this song
Over on the Jersey, Jersey, Jersey, over on the Jersey side."

He'd better not.

Norworth also sang himself out in his "Wise Old Owl" song. Like the up-to-date chap he is, Norworth was right there with local color, giving one verse to Joe Lannin's Chase of the Watch and Ward Society and another to General Bancroft and the Boston Elevated. The Elevated song made a terrible hit with the long-suffering trolley-trippers of Boston.

"Wise old owl, Bancroft," says Norworth, "gives the people a tunnel to kick about. Then they won't be thinking how they can get a three-cent fare."

"Bancroft a Wise Old Owl."

"O, yes," chirps the owl, "Bancroft is a wise old owl."

And the audience laughed in spite of its transportation woes.

When Mlle. Dadie gave her diaboliquette and her Directoire dances Cleopatra were called for in appreciation of the syncopated grace of the pretty artiste.

"Shine On, Harvest Moon," sung by Norah Bayes and Jack Norworth, Arthur Deagon's "The Rajah of Broadway," were other favorites with the audience.

Such are a few of the many features in the "Follies of 1908." Henry Dixon has scored with his burlesque of President Roosevelt in Africa and Europe as "Hunt Dunce." As scenes and her dancing are still fresh in Boston minds, that turn was all the more timely. The burlesque prize fight between Norworth and Deagon was so foolishly funny it kept the audience in a roar, especially the "finish" of the tough talk.

The "Follies" is staged gorgeously, scenery, costumes and all, with some decidedly pretty girls in the company.

Lively Bill at Keith's.

This week's bill at Keith's is well calculated to please everybody, for it is rare fully selected and varied. The sketch "A Strenuous Rehearsal," which closes the bill, is a corker, for it is extremely funny, and last night proved the crowded house in the theatre of the kind seen in a long time. The play let is being sound the praises of the stage manager to train a stage-struck society woman to become an actress and Miss Genevieve Rane is the manager and Miss Florence Shirley the society woman with stage ambitions and vocal longings in the laugh line possible out of their parts. "A Mistaken Identity" is a clever sketch and one that takes the eye of young and old. Mabel Moff is a capable little miss and she, while Professor Eduard Mall's troupe of trained dogs, make staid persons forget their years beyond the common excellence. Cook and Stevens are clever and decidedly funny. Lessig, the costume, mystifies everybody by his clever changes, and everything else in the bill is entertaining.

The "Circus Girl" Scores.

Patrons of the Castle Square Theatre are having their fun watching the efforts of the members of the stock company to play a musical comedy. The Circus Girl," which opened at the theatre last eve, was repeated before two crowded houses at two performances yesterday. The production is one of the most brilliant that has been given by the Castle Square.

"The Circus Girl" is one of the most popular of all the Dashing musical plays that have been brought to this side of the Atlantic. Mr. Craig has added much that is new and up-to-date. The ability to take part in comic opera as well as in stock. It is a pleasant surprise to Castle Square patrons. Mary Young makes a delightful Lady Jane, the part of the stock wife. Walker Her musical numbers with Donald Meek are particularly enjoyable, the latter are creditably filled by Theodore Friebus, William Frank, Miss Atwood, Minnette Cleveland and Kate Ryan.

Mrs. Yeamans at Orpheum.

There is no lag nor wait this week at the Orpheum, as last night's crowd found out. Gone is everything of the past week and in its place is the thoroughly appreciate from Mrs. Bessie Yeamans, the grand old lady of the stage, to the Five Flying Cromwells, who do a look. Mrs. Yeamans tells of her sixty-three years of experience on the stage and is just as much a favorite as she ever was. She is aided by a company of clever people, who are willing to act as a grass widow's maid. Topic and Morrow in the latter's character sketch of a broken down gay dog are fine and all-round nifty. Nevins, who is

C. F. KING'S FATE NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

The case against Frederic F. King, charged with receiving in connection with his stock transactions, was given to the jury at 1:20 this afternoon.

This followed the charge of Judge Schofield to the jury, which lasted nearly two and a half hours.

The defendant came into court at 9:30 and was warmly greeted by Jesse M. Gove, one of his counsel. Before beginning his charge to the jury, Judge William H. Schofield had a brief conference with Assistant District Attorney Dwyer and counsel for King, Messrs. Parker, Baker and Gove.

The court room was crowded, many members of the bar who had followed the trial since its beginning being present to hear the end as it addressed the jury.

Judge Schofield said, in part:

"The defendant is charged in this indictment with thirty-one counts and the time counts of crime known as larceny.

"It is your duty to find a verdict in each count submitted to you.

"The district attorney did not introduce evidence on three counts, namely the sixth, twenty-third and twenty-seventh, therefore the jury may find a verdict of not guilty on those counts. There is also another count on which the district attorney does not ask a verdict, namely, the twenty-second. With those four counts eliminated the Commonwealth charges that a felony was committed in each of the remaining counts and we are to find a verdict in each of those counts."

What Evidence Must Show.

"In order to find the defendant guilty of larceny by means of embezzlement it is necessary that the jury be satisfied by all the evidence that the money or other property was delivered by the owners to the defendant under a trust and confidence, that he was to use it in a specified manner and to be accepted it with knowledge of that agreement. In order that the defendant may be found guilty of larceny you must find that it was mutually understood and agreed between the parties that the money should be kept as a special fund subject to the direction of the owner.

"If the defendant violated such a trust if it existed, criminally, purposely and intentionally and contrary to direction and trust or confidence then he may be found guilty of larceny by the evidence.

"The real question for the jury to find is what the real relation was between the customers and King.

"The defendant claims the relations between himself and customers was that of debtor and creditor and that he had a right to dispose of the money as he saw fit with his own. He contends that the money then became his and that he was not getting which could be brought against him was not criminal.

"If the relation of debtor and creditor was established then the crime of larceny could not have been committed.

Must Decide the Fact.

"It is for the jury to decide what the fact was—it is for them to decide what the real relation was.

"If the jury find that the defendant received money for a specified purpose and fraudulently converted the money to another purpose or misapplied the money he is found guilty of larceny by means of embezzlement.

"You must find what the intention of the customers were. Were they giving up their money. Did they intend to part with the title of their money or was it only that they intend to part only with possession of the money with the understanding that title to it still some specific thing which they were to get with the money.

"If the money was given to the defendant for the express purpose of a certain ownership of the money until some act was accomplished by the defendant and if the defendant took it fraudulently and misapplied it he is guilty of the purpose and not the purpose for which it was given him, then you must find he must be found guilty of common law larceny.

"If the customers parted with the title to his money outright and without it being or expecting to retain ownership or expecting to get it back, then he is guilty, whether they intended to be found guilty of common law larceny.

"It is a question for the jury to find if any promises were made which led one to deceive in order to find a verdict of guilty of larceny by false pretenses.

Contention of Counsel.

"You have heard what the methods of the defendant's business were. It is the contention of the government that the defendant needed money badly at the time and kept customers' money for his own purposes. The defendant's contention is that it was not the defendant's purpose to defraud anyone.

"The government claims that under a false pretense that he was solvent he induced to lend him guilty of stealing money. It is for you to find the corpus delicti and for the jury to decide whether he was solvent or insolvent when he received it and why he used it, assumed same if he did it. The jury finds that he had a certain substance to be given weight to as it sees fit.

"The settlement of claims does not argue guilt if a crime is originally violated the crime is complete.

"If you find that the defendant tried to settle these claims for the purpose of stifling or obstructing prosecution, it is right for you to consider that conduct in holding whether he be guilty or not guilty.

"If the defendant was guilty of larceny nothing that he could do would remove the guilt. Whatever other motives the defendant has made has no effect whatever in whether he be guilty or not guilty.

At the conclusion of Judge Schofield's charge Mr. Parker asked that the jury be instructed on certain additional points. The jury was then excused from the room while the counsel conferred with the judge on the question of further charging the jury.

SUIT AGAINST ELKS PUT OVER

The suit of Charles A. Kelley and others against the officers of the Boston Lodge of Elks has been continued until Friday when Judge Wait will give a hearing in the equity session of the Superior Court.

Pending the hearing, the temporary injunction restraining the Elk officers from moving the Lewis Storage property on Somerset street will remain in force.

HOGGS ARRAIGNED; GIVES $10,000 BAIL

SALEM, Dec. 29.—Albert R. Hoggs, the cashier of the Beverly Savings Institution, was arraigned to-day on the charge of expending $9,500 from that institution. He was held in $10,000 bail, which was furnished in Melville. Wood, Hoggs' bondsman, Clarence O. Hood, Charles A. Hunt and Roger Robertson.

NINE KILLED IN RAILROAD CRASH

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 29.—Nine workmen were killed and a number injured in a collision to-day on the Great Northern Railway between a freight train and work train. The accident occurred at Dix Canyon, forty miles south of here.

HAINS DEFENCE GETS "CLAUDIA STORY" IN

CAPTAIN HAINS TOLD WITNESS REID OF WIFE'S "LOVE FOR ANNIS."

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 29.—The story of Claudia Lisse Hains's alleged devotion to William E. Annis, the man whom her husband, Captain Peter C. Hains, killed last August, was introduced to-day at the trial of Thaddeus Jenkins Hains for complicity in the crime.

This story, upon which the defence chiefly hopes for the acquittal of the defendant, was brought out in the testimony of Samuel Reid, on inspector in the United States navy, who was next to the confidence and confidence of Captain Hains just prior to the tragedy. He testified that the captain told him his wife had confessed to him that she loved Billy Annis; that his life had been ruined and that he wished he were dead.

John Tierney, the axe gatherer, who began his testimony yesterday, was again called to the stand and Elmer S. White, the special prosecutor, continued his cross-examination. Mr. White started to ask Tierney whether he had seen certain of the State witnesses on the float of the Bay Side Yacht Club at the time of the shooting, and started to call Miss Annis's name into court, one at a time, for the purpose of having them pointed out explicitly and individually to the witness.

Identified By Tierney.

One by one Wolfe called the witnesses to stand forward. Tierney said he had seen William C. Andrews, Charles A. Birchfield and George Downs at one end of the float. He said he had seen the defendant break his gun and show it to Downs. When the witness Klunzel stood forward, the witness said he had known him for a long time; he had not seen him on the deck.

Hervey Rockwell he said, he had noticed at the right side of the deck.

Mrs. Annis was then asked to come to the front. She took two paces into the audience and turned directly back of the prisoner and literally stared at Tierney in the witness chair. Tierney flushed wheeled about and looked back and up into the stand. Mrs. Annis's face was as marble in its paleness and rigidity.

Tierney repeated his testimony yesterday and stuck firmly to his declaration that Mrs. Annis had not been on the float during the shooting of her husband. Mrs. Annis knew the importance of this, but kept herself under control.

Captain Appeared "Eccentric."

James Smy of Bayside, swore that last June Captain Hains came to him to help on a cheap temporary garage at Bayridge.

"This was on June 5, and I saw Thornton every day for a week thereafter."

"Did you see his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains?" he was asked.

"Yes, one night only."

"What was he doing?"

His actions impressed Smy as being those of an "exceedingly eccentric person."

Under cross-examination, however, the witness was led on to admit that when Captain Hains and Thornton Hains and Mrs. Annis were discussing the building of the garage, the captain had made comments about the proposed work which were perfectly rational and business-like.

Samuel Chester Reid, of the construction department of the United States Navy, stationed at a naval training station in Chicago, was then called to the stand. He had known the various members of the Hains family since childhood, he said. Later in June of this year, upon his return from a trip northward, he went to Bensonhurst, Long Island, to see Captain Hains. He talked with both the defendant and the Captain, he said, and the former told him he was looking after "some one" as the second was called. He described it as the longest time June 23 to July 10. The captain, he said, was terrified and nervous and said to him: "My life has been ruined. There is nothing to live for and I wish I were dead."

"That Gossip About Annis."

He said that he had to go at once to his home and that he would not speak to his accounts. It was something that didn't concern the army, but him as a citizen, and an affair about which he told his commanding officer," continued Reid.

"When he got home he told me that he found his wife at the home of another officer of the post. She said: 'Why, Peter, what brings you home,' and he replied: 'Claudia, your reputation is at stake. I have come from the ends of the earth to find out about this.'

"'Why, I am surprised at you,' his wife replied.

"'It is because of that gossip and talk about Annis?' she asked. When he said it was she told him it was perfectly ridiculous, and they talked at length the night.

He told the witness that he asked where Mr. Annis was, if his wife had seen him recently, and she said she had seen him.

Captain Hains told his wife that to show he didn't believe the scandal he would invite Annis to dinner, and he asked him, and later went out in his automobile, Reid testified.

"The captain told me that he visited his father, the General, the next day and his father advised him to find out of his wife went to the mountains and how she went.

"Mrs. Annis said that the next day he returned to his home and asked his wife how she had gone to the mountains, and she said, 'Oh, Peter, I thought we finished last night, why do you ask?' and he said: 'Because I want to know.' My father told me to find out.'

"I Love Billy Annis."

"First she said that she went by railroad and then by boat, and when the captain pressed her she broke down and said: 'I love Billy Annis,' and then the captain said she told him all.

"Counsel said he was thunderstruck; it was as if he had been struck by a ball. He said to Mrs. Hains: 'Was this why last night she gave me her caresses, and now she confesses to love me no more.' She showed witness devoured with fine effect.

"How did Mrs. Hains impress you as rational or irrational?" asked McIntyre.

"Rational."

To the surprise of everyone White asked that Reid be excused, and he left the records.

Justice Crane accommodated the prosecutor, but only after he had repeated the request that he refrain from any attempt to make the District Attorney see the point.

"His eyes were fixed and set on his face and distorted, his voice wilder, gesticulated in tense manner; he cried, 'O, my God, how can I live, how can I die,' declared Reid in describing how the captain conducted himself.

Q.—What did he do? A.—He sang songs and danced. Refrain "Bonnie Annis Laurie."

Q.—What did he recite? A.—He quoted from Kipling's "Vampire."

POLICE HUNT MILTON WOODS FOR LOST BOY

Milton's entire police force and more than fifty citizens are to-day searching for Curtis Moore Gould, five-year-old son of Irving F. Gould of No. 229 Eliot street, Milton, who mysteriously disappeared yesterday afternoon. All last night Chief of Police Maurice Pierce and a posse searched the town, and the Neponset River was dragged for many rods near where little tin pail of the boy was found in a small pit on the road.

The boy's disappearance is a mystery indeed. Chief Pierce has practically given up imagining whether he child fell through the ice, wandered away into the woods and fell asleep, or has been kidnapped by some person. We are searching every where to-day and will continue to do so," the chief said, "and again he says he went away along Eliot street. Claude Taylor, an aged man, has told the police that he saw the little fellow on Turner's Pond just before noon yesterday. A woman told Chief Pierce that she saw a little fellow in the vicinity of the pond in the evening.

Mrs. Gould, mother of Curtis, is almost prostrated to-day with anxiety.

Little Curtis wore a gray overcoat, a green Tam O'Shanter cap, gray flannelette blouse, patched blue dungarees and black shoes and stockings and overshoes when last seen.

Local Briefs

The students of Boston College for the first time in twenty years will present Shakespeare's "Hamlet" to-night in the college hall, James street. Fifteen cents per seat.

Frank Allerd, his wife and mother were rescued from their home in Wakefield last night when fire damaged it to the extent of $2,000. They had narrow escapes.

Susan Thorne, aged and bed-ridden, was rescued from her bedroom when fire broke out in the basement of her home on Bennington street, Charlestown, last night. Then flames were all around her. Twelve policemen were driving through the house before they could find the woman in the dense smoke. The property damage is $2,000.

Dr. Charles B. McCarthy and the city of Medford are defendants in an action brought by John F. Reale to recover $2,000 damages alleged to have been caused by a measles quarantine which they have established and which has kept his son out of school for two months. The father thinks two months' loss of schooling is worth that sum. Judge Bruce is hearing the case.

Mrs. J. Magolina of No. 69 Maver-ick square, East Boston, found a note on her kitchen table last night from her daughter Mary, fourteen years old, which announced that she had gone away and would not return for a long while. Mrs. Magolina thinks the girl has carried out her threat to go to New York and seek her fortune.

The Jamaica Plain branch of the public library, which was burned in the Curtis Hall fire, has been re-established in Jackson Hall, No. 670 Centre street. Many of the books were damaged by smoke and water, but after drying and rebinding can be used.

LABOR

Cambridge Carpenters No. 444 and No. 1653 and Somerville Carpenters No. 629 have held their semi-annual mass meeting. H. A. Delory of No. 1653 was elected president and the governing board and H. H. Davis of No. 1653 was elected general business agent to succeed Samuel P. McArthur, who refused a re-nomination.

LABOR NOTES.

Painters No. 11 will elect officers to-night at No. 87 Washington street.

Cigarmakers No. 97 will hold a special meeting to-night at Labor Hall.

The legislative committee of the Massachusetts State Branch, A. F. of L., will meet to-night at No. 387 Washington street.

Piano and Furniture Movers and Helpers No. 742, will hold a special meeting to-night at No. 1095 Tremont street.

MEETINGS TO-NIGHT.

Executive board of Stationary Engineers No. 56 at 544 Tremont street.

Hoisting and Portable Engineers No. 4 at No. 336 Harrison avenue.

Carpenters No. 1278 at No. 18 Decatur street, East Boston.

Carpenters No. 266 at Monte Hall, Field's Corner, Dorchester.

Carpenters No. 1096, Sherborn, at No. 20 Hanover street.

Stock Hat and Cap Makers No. 7 at No. 724 Washington street.

Painters No. 11 at Dexter Hall, No. 987 Washington street.

Bottom Tubers at No. 164 Canal street.

Bricklayers No. 27 at No. 1096 Tremont street.

Cabinet Makers and Millmen No. 1804 at No. 39 Hanover street.

DEEP MYSTERY IN SHOOTING OF WOMAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A well-dressed woman who gave her name as Carmeno Vandevieze, and says she is connected with the Turkish consulate in Washington, is dying from a bullet wound over the heart at St. Luke's Hospital as the result of a mysterious shooting in a down-town South cafe early to-day.

A woman who gave the name of Mrs. Pullman and said she was from Minneapolis, Minn., is suspected of the wounded woman is being held by the police as a witness, while a man who also reported to have been the escorts of the women are being sought by the police.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—At the Turkish legation to-day it was said that Carmeno Vandevieze was positively unknown.

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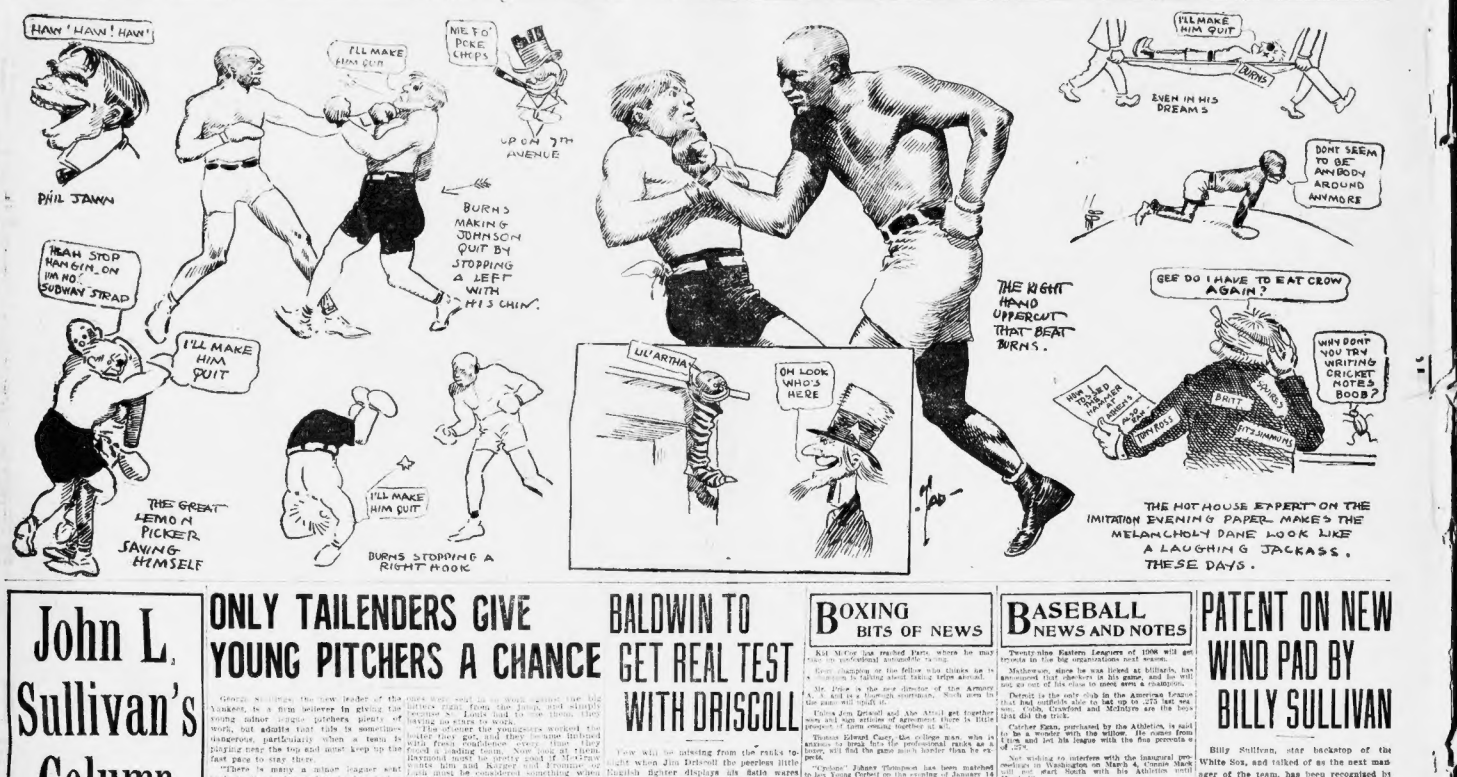

John L. Sullivan's Column

I have received many letters since I became associated with the BOSTON AMERICAN asking me to cut out all reference to the color line in my future talks to my readers. This I am not willing to do. I still insist that the heavyweight champion has no business fighting a colored man. I have preached this gospel for thirty years. Every man is entitled to his own opinion. If anyone doesn't agree with me he doesn't have to.

I have nothing against Johnson. I have distinctly stated that I wish him luck and I hope he will call the affair and secure enough money to put him on Easy Street when Burns. He is undoubtedly a clever man with his fists. I had a sincere regard for Little George Dixon, one of the greatest fighters that ever got on a glove. He fought his way to the championship and never begrudged him his success. Then when he died an honest little colored lad passed away. I had nothing against Dixon, had nothing against Peter Jackson. I have nothing against Joe Walcott, and I repeat I have nothing against Jack Johnson. But I have my views on the color line, and if I may be allowed I will stick to them. Please do not write any more letters asking me to change my opinion of this subject. You are only wasting your time talking.

My readers will find that Johnson will be given full credit to me for all his good work in and out of the ring. When he fights a good fight you will find me saying so. If he fights in America and I am handy to the battle ground I shall try to be there.

The cables say that Promoter McIntosh will make the effort of his life to match Johnson against Jeffries. He better save his money. If he intends going to Los Angeles to talk with Jeff. The big fellow says he wouldn't train again for $100,000. I believe him. Jeffries has a mind of his own. This has been shown a hundred times before and after he retired from the ring.

Jeffries is not a man that cares for money. So long as he can get along easily he is satisfied. One hundred thousand dollars makes no more impression on him than five dollars would make on J. Pierpont Morgan.

Not only that, but Jeffries doesn't care for the fighting game. The whole thing is distasteful to him. Training is irksome. He finds no pleasure in the ring, no matter whether he has an easy mark like Munroe or a hard one like Fitzsimmons.

Taking the three things together—Jeffries's distaste for the ring, his indifference to money and his honest statement that $100,000 wouldn't tempt him—you can see what a fine chance Mr. McIntosh has of landing his fish.

I want my readers to understand that while I will keep them informed in regard to the boxing game, I will also try and interest them in many other sports and athletics. I will from time to time comment on the baseball situation. I will also try to interest them with many other sporting topics in my own humble, unscientific, practical way.

I am going to take a great deal of pride in furnishing the readers of this paper with original sayings of mine. I don't mean to say that I am the originator of a language that I might use, but I will assure you that I will try and interest you with up-to-date sayings and sayings of my own, and I want them to know that at all times I will be glad to have them send me any news that may be of interest, and I will take pleasure in giving my views in a strictly honest and courteous way.

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ONLY TAILENDERS GIVE YOUNG PITCHERS A CHANCE

George Stallings, the wise leader of the once world famous Yankees, is a firm believer in giving the young minor league pitchers plenty of work, but admits that this is sometimes dangerous, particularly when a team is pinning near the top and must keep up the fast pace to stay there.

"There is many a minor leaguer sent back to the bushes before he has had a chance to show his worth," says the Yankee manager, "simply because he is with a team that can ill afford to lose those so-called stars, whom the manager will work in turns. Usually when a game is lost the manager will stick a minor leaguer in to save up his star men, and in cases of this kind the young fellow never has a chance to display his real ability.

"Now, on proper work and right, I will refer back to my record while in the two big leagues. I did not ever take time to figure out that the new pitching phenoms who developed in the teams that are always trailing in the pennant fights. You have an excellent illustration right in St. Louis. The two Cardinal pitchers who developed in the Nashville League were Geyer and Reulbach. They were sent out and will start this season with the big leaguers. Karger, Frownie and Heeke, and I might also add Lush and Pierce, who have been dropped into the Cardinal pitching staff for several seasons to come. These two pitchers whom every manager in the National League was after and finally they

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STAR ATHLETES SUSPENDED BY A. A. U.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A bomb was thrown into the ranks of the competing amateur athletes when the Registration Committee of the A. A. U. suspended indefinitely on charges of professionalism six of the most prominent athletes in the United States, two of them being winners of prizes in the great Olympic games in London last Summer.

The men now under the ban of the A. A. U. are Melvin Sheppard of the Irish American A. C., a double victor at the Olympic meet and the greatest hero of the big tournament; Harry Porter of the same club, who captured the high jump for the American team at the Olympiad; George Bonhag of the Irish A. A. C., an Olympic competitor; Fred Bellard, the crack distance runner of the New York A. C.; Charles Bacon, the clever middle distance man and hurdler of the Irish American A. C.; and James Lee, the Juvenile champion of New England. Sheppard, Porter, Bonhag, Bellard and Bacon are charged with having accepted excessive expense money to take part in a set of games at Buffalo on December 12, and James Lee is charged with a sort of athletic vacrancy. The registration committee claim that he has lived in New York for two months without visible means of support, Lee formerly has under the colors of the Boston A. A.

The registration committee held its meeting at the West Side Branch of the Y. M. C. A. Herman Oberstebeering, the chairman, and Charles Warner were the only members of the committee present. Mr. Oberstebeering said that the suspensions were primarily due to stories that appeared in two New York papers. These stories were investigated, and enough evidence was secured to justify the committee in their action.

Affidavits were secured in Buffalo against Sheppard, Porter and Charles Bacon. These affidavits set forth that the men had received about $35 apiece for their trip to Buffalo.

BURN'S DEFEAT RECALLS HIS EARLY START

Black Fred Thornton is avenged and the colored race vindicated as a result of Tommy Burns's defeat at the hands of Jack Johnson in Sydney Australia. It is needless further that the finish which should pass his career in the ring ended by one of that race which was represented by the defeated principal in the ring at Colma eight years ago, when Burns, or Noah Brusso, as he then was known, stepped forth a victor by the knockout route in his first professional boxing contest.

Just as it was no desire for fame that drew Burns into a match with Johnson and gave the heavyweight championship of the world to a negro, but a question of pounds, shillings and pence, so it was mere dollars and cents that first won Burns over to the ring as a means of livelihood. The former lacrosse player discovered that a lot of men were making big money in a field where the work was seldom as strenuous as the game which he had chosen as a means of livelihood.

Burns was a natural fighter, but a mighty poor boxer. What Thornton did to him in the first few rounds was a prelude. The negro knew a little about ring craft and he outlined the fight in shameless fashion. He hit Burns with every blow and in the meantime drew the Canadian's wings with ease. But as the contest progressed the negro tired and lost courage, and a new Bill would spring to perceptible impression on the clunky lacrosse player. When the fifth round came with Burns as fresh as ever Thornton showed signs of distress and started to get away from his opponent's rushes as easily as before. Then Johnson let go his full load of a terrific right swing which Tommy launched at his opponent's curly head, and it was five minutes before the colored fighter began to take interest in the surroundings.

OPPER'S DAILY CARTOON.

JOHN D
"AW, QUIT YER KIDDIN' IT WAS A PIPE, SEE!"
KID LAFFERTY
"THE BIG FELLOW COULDN'T LOSE; HE HAD A HORSE SHOE IN HIS GLOVE!"
RAPACIOUS LAW-DEFYING TRUSTS AND CORPORATIONS
THE COMMON PEOPLE
SMOKE RYAN
"SAY, FIGHTING THAT LITTLE FELLER IS LIKE PICKING VIOLETS BY DE BROOKSIDE! HE'S THE EASIEST EVER!"
BLOW THAT WON FIGHT. FROM SNAP SHOT BY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER.
BATTLING BELMONT
THE BIG FELLOW IS A WONDER. I'VE BEEN IN HIS CORNER FOR YEARS!
F. Opper

COLLECTION OF SADDLE HORSES BEST IN WORLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Turning from the Harlem River Speedway to the middle park of Central Park to gratify his taste for trotting, C. K. Billings, the owner of Lou Dillon (2:01), has assembled at Joseph's Riding Academy what is certainly the most remarkable and doubtless one of the most valuable collection of saddle horses in the world. In the string are four teams of fours with records faster than 2:10 gained in races in the Grand Circuit.

These are Tommy Britt (2:07¼), Top Boy (2:07¾), Charles Mac (2:07¾), and Alexander (2:09¾). Mr. Billings rides one or more of them in the park every morning when he is in town, and frequently stops his colt from Central Park to the carriage or some other time where he happens to be riding and tells him to trot for a saddle horse. This horse holds the world's record for saddle horses under 15.2. The mark is 2:14¾, and when he made it in 1904, his owner rode him. Of late he has not confined his work to a trotter in harness in these parts.

Tommy Britt never was in the park days nearly always mixed under saddle, usually, so far as can be learned, being a rival of one to ride for pleasure until Mr. Billings introduced the colt to the park. He took to putting a saddle on the quiet gelding Top Boy, and finally settled down to the Central Park. Since then he has ridden none but trotters, and declares that he is not sure which he prefers a horse of the thoroughbred type.

Lou Dillon is the only mare commonly used and trained in the saddle horse of today in New York parks. Under saddle she has saddle horses are gaudy or purely trotting type. Believing that a horse can be trained for speed but possessing it would be a good plan to ride, Mr. Billings tried the experiment with gratifying results. Selecting individuals that in form, action and temperament seemed to be suited to saddle purposes, he has enlisted from the crack campaigners of the grand circuit a quartet which demonstrates the wonderful versatility of the trotting horse. Tommy is sometimes ridden by Mr. Billings's daughter, so gentle is the former grand circuit trotter under saddle.

Tempus Fugit, the fastest horse in Mr. Billings's string, was until a few weeks ago the champion trotter of the speedway. A little more than a year ago he was a star performer in the Grand Circuit, having come out green in the Summer of 1907 and gained a record of 2:07¼. Yielding, among others, the sensational mare Sonoma Girl (2:03¼) only before he became a mere horse he was a family buggy horse in the little town of Malcolm, Neb., where he was raised.

NELSON SAYS JOE GANS IS NEXT BEST

BY TAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Battling Nelson, the world's lightweight champion, in speaking of Freddie Welsh's challenge, said:

"There have been so many promising lightweights on my trail that I'll have to insist that they fight it out among themselves before I take any one on, and when I do start I want the best one.

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GLOBE TROTTER ON WAY FROM HUB TO FRISCO

From Atlanta, Ga., Harry Garrety of Worcester, the globe trotter, writes: "I reached Atlanta safe and sound. I am making my trip fair and honest. I sing in every moving picture house in each town or city where there was one. After making a dive in Athens at a height of eighty-six feet I strained my neck. I will reach New Orleans for Christmas. I think I can walk back from Frisco into Boston in four months and a half."

"I can walk forty-five miles in ten hours, but I can't do it every day, for it is hard on the feet. I walked from Baltimore into Washington, a distance of forty-four miles in eight hours, but I had hard work to do it. I am just pulling for Frisco and riding my life doing high diving, and get only a small collection.

"I think I will reach Frisco about June 1, and I will be back in Worcester next year for christmas, 1909. When I get back I am going to try and break all records from Boston to Worcester."

PARK SQUARE MARATHON RUN NEW YEAR'S EVE

Everything is in readiness for the big indoor Marathon race in Park Square Rink Thursday night. The track has been measured and found to be three laps to the mile. All around the corners sawdust has been laid to help the runners in the long grind. Jimmy Moran, the six-day bicycle champion, will start the champions, and Shrubb, the long distance champion, will referee the race.

All the runners tried out the track yesterday and stated that it was a fast one, and the winner would beat the world's time for the distance.

Shrubb has challenged Kanaly and Sullivan to a six-mile relay race which will proceed the Marathon. It is said that there is great rivalry between the runners as it should be a rousing race.

Shrubb says that the run against Kanaly and Sullivan will be a hard one, as the short distances, and that he would try to make a new record. This event will start at 8:15.

DOUGHERTY SPRINGS HIS USUAL BLUFF

BOLIVAR, N. Y., Dec. 29.—"Is there any truth in the report that you may play baseball?" Pat Dougherty, of the Chicago White Sox, was asked to-day by your correspondent.

"Well, it's a teaspn," said Dougherty. "I was tired out after the closing week of the season last Fall. Fielder Jones and I had picked up some of Isaac Ingalls's stock and look good to me. He has gone, and I suppose I will have to look after the property. We formed building a number of new sells next year."

"But baseball players in the major leagues get good salaries for six months' work," persisted the interrogator.

"That is true enough," said Dougherty, "but when a fellow has a good off property, it is as good as a pension from Andrew Samuel, and the click, click of a gas engine appears to me more than the click, click from the bleachers.

"It is said that you and your family intend passing the Winter in Queensland."

"Yes, we expected to go to the Coast for the Winter," said Pat, "but I guess our plans have been upset."

"Do you know," continued Dougherty, "ball players have a queer characteristic. After the close of a strenuous season they usually claim they are through with baseball, but as Spring approaches they change their minds.

"Perhaps you will not be an exception to the rule," was our next question.

"Well, as far as I am concerned, it's a toss-up whether or not I play baseball any more."

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JIMMY M'ALEER GIVES UP HOPE OF GETTING CHASE

TOLEDO, Dec. 29.—Manager Jimmy McAleer has decided to call off the trip to California. This means that McAleer has given up hope of getting Frank Chase for the Browns for next season.

Right after the New York meeting McAleer announced that he intended to take a trip to the Coast. It was stated at the time that he intended to make a visit to Pasadena, as it is a prominent resident of Los Angeles. It was learned at the same time his mission was to have a conference with Chase and find out just what could be done with the former star Yankee.

His trip to the Coast was purposely delayed until Presidents Pulliam and Johnson had tried to get the outlaw league in which Chase had been playing under the "national" protection. McAleer, of course, has no desire to open fire now with a player outside of the protective circle.

Now that the decision of the two major league presidents has been a failure the Browns' manager decided that it doesn't care to make a trip to see his brother this Winter.

INDIAN CATCHER FOR THE GIANTS

Meyers, the full-blooded Indian who is to be with the Giants as a catcher next Spring, is said to be a wonder. He is over six feet tall and weighs nearly 200 pounds. He bats from the left side and hits hard. Last Fall he surprised Graw by declining to make a little extra money for himself. "Mc" asked him to come on and join the Giants the last few weeks so that he could get a little big league experience. This would have been about $400 to him, but he respectfully declined it, saying he would be unable to help the team any good. He knew that he would not be allowed to catch a regular game, and he felt that he would rather continue his mercy. That's going some for a youngster, eh?

BIG WELCOME FOR JOHNSON

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Chicago's colored population will give Champion Jack Johnson a rousing welcome when he returns to Chicago from Australia, where he wrested the heavyweight laurels from Tommy Burns. Residents of the Black Belt are jubilant over the victory of Johnson, and measures are being taken by leading sporting men of the race toward the organization of a committee to arrange for the reception to be given the heavyweight champion upon his visit to Chicago.

It was purely pride of race that made the colored sports jubilant, for in the matter of betting not a single wager of any size, so far as could be ascertained, was made by them upon the fight. The betting men were not at all confident of Johnson's ability and kept away from the affair altogether.

HUB AUTO AGENTS TO SEE NEW YORK SHOW

By J. C. KERRISON.

The great majority of Boston agents and dealers who are interested in the forthcoming motor exhibit in Grand Central Palace will leave Boston on the 10 o'clock limited on Thursday, and will arrive in the "big village" in season to change their duds and get into condition for the opening festivities. The general impression is that there will be little business done at this show before Monday next, as Friday and Saturday will unquestionably be given up to "whooping" at the exhibits.

At this exhibit the importers of foreign cars will as a body make their annual and only public show exhibit, the Importers Salon being part and parcel of the show as a whole. This fact alone is an important one, as it brings to the show most of foreign cars, both touring and racing. This will be the first year in the past half dozen that the foreigners as a body have exhibited in connection with American manufacturers, for three years ago they had their own salon. Last year some of the cars were shown at Madison Square and none at the Palace.

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About thirty cars will start over the course, the mountains coming from Philadelphia to Wilkesbarre, Pa. New Year's morning, it being the third annual endurance run of the Quaker City Motor club.

Much discussion, however, has been raised over the twenty-mile-per-hour speed required to be maintained between the checking stations. When the contest committee of the club laid out the course in March ago this speed was thought to be reasonable but since then severe snow storms have made the going perilous. After having protested by the drivers who have been over the course and the threatened withdrawal of several entries, a meeting of official and contestants was called and now, with few exceptions, all hands are satisfied. The twenty-mile pace remains.

Charles J. Soule, chairman of the technical committee, has prepared a detailed list of the penalizations, which in brief are: Lubrication, 50 points; cooling, 50; brakes, 225; steering, 1,000; running gear, 1,450; mechanical parts, 1,785; steam, 607.

In addition to the above penalties for mechanical defects the cars will receive

Fred J. Wagner, for years the official starter of the American Automobile Association, the man who gave the word to the contestants in all the Vanderbilt Cup races and the grand prize, has accepted the position of starter and referee of the Motor Speed Carnival to be held in New Orleans February 20, 21 and 22, during the Mardi Gras season. Mr. Wagner will also look after the New York entries, a number of which will be made for the short races as well as the twenty-four-hour record attempt.

Inquiries regarding the meet and the conditions of entry continue to pour into headquarters, and many of the greatest cars in the country will be sure to compete. Regarding the stand of the American Automobile Association, on the ban which has been raised, Frederick H. Elliott, secretary of the contest board, has written to the chairman of the board of directors of organizations which think it advisable to hold races will not, in any way be hindered or criticised, and no recognition of the contest will be taken of their meets. Absolute assurances have been received by President T. C. Campbell and Secretary Homer George that France, Italy and America will be represented in the twenty-four hour race. Assurances have also been received that one or more special trains of autoists will come from New York, while the West will be represented by other trains. Altogether the meet is sure to be the greatest track meet ever held in America.

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The report, which has been widely circulated, to the effect that the Ford Motor Company has purchased and will operate a speedway for the purpose of erecting a factory there, is stated by Mr. Ford to be without foundation. The Ford Motor Company has no intention of building outside of Detroit, where it is now erecting an entirely new plant. The report was doubtless started by the purchase, which Messrs. Ford and Couzens made, of 400 acres of land at Cape May, but this transaction was a private one, was not carried on in the name of the Ford Motor Company and has no connection with the company. Mr. Ford and Mr. Couzens saw a chance to buy the plat of ground, and knowing that Cape May real estate values were rapidly increasing accepted the chance and made the investment.

WHAT FIGHTERS EARN

The following table shows the big money taken in at various championship glove contests:

Winner and Loser.	Decision.
Corbett-Fitzsimmons	W.
J. Ross-Corbett	K.
Corbett-McCoy	K.
Nelson-Britt	K.
Jeffries-Ruhlin	K.
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Fitzsimmons-Corbett	K.
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Fitzsimmons-Sharkey	K.
Corbett-McGovern	K.
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Place.	Gate Receipts.	Fighters' Share.
New York	$66,395	$33,460
San Francisco	66,340	48,836
New York	66,356	35,810
Colma, Cal.	48,311	31,402
San Francisco	42,250	24,980
San Francisco	32,000	12,200
San Francisco	21,000	12,750
Coffeyville, Kan.	20,000	13,250
San Francisco	17,770	18,278
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San Francisco	21,761	15,252
San Francisco	23,000	14,720
San Francisco	21,765	15,235
Goldfield, Nev.	30,000	23,500
San Francisco	16,000	20,000

M'KINNON MAY MEET JACK 'TWIN'

Bill McKinnon, the pounding Roxbury middleweight who made a big hit with the members of the Armory A. A. by taking on the hardest game the management has given him in his make, may be given a chance to show what he can do as a main bout performer at the club meeting on January 6. Manager Sweeney of the Roxbury lad has not fixed, but many Hub sports believe that the clever championship timber in the Roxbury slugger who has been tumbling them over right and left lately, and has yet to taste defeat in his numerous appearances in the big club's ring.

GOOD FEATURES AT LYNN KENNEL SHOW

The judges for the sixth bench show of the Lynn Kennel Club to be held at Casino Hall, Lynn, January 21 and 22, will be as follows: Boston terriers, John C. Sullivan of Charlestown; all other breeds, George S. Thomas of Hamilton, Mass. Mr. Thomas has been in New England for the past six months judging at all the popular shows.

The Lynn show, which is a three point, $500 dogg, starts the Winter circuit, closely followed by New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Consequently it is expected a place in the novice dogs and will be far forward determining the season champions for 1908.

Among the long list of specials offered by the club the headliner is $25 in gold for the best stud dog of any breed or two of his sex. All three to be considered in making the award.

SWAT NEARLY COST TIGERS PENNANT

No pitcher ever lost a harder game than did Bill Donovan to Boston late in September, on this occasion shortstop Wagner was the man with the big stick.

Wagner was disappointed at times, and when Fred Lake selected Young to work for Boston Donovan decided to use Bill Lennon. Both teams scored a run early in the game, but in the seventh when Boston came to the bat in the ninth it was one and one. Donovan had fanned ten men and allowed only a few hits.

With one out and two on the sacks Wagner stepped to the plate. Aiming a wild swing at a fast one he met a terrific drive which sent the ball over the head of the longest hits ever seen on the home grounds, and Wagner, by his prowess on a short foot bounce. For a time it looked as if he had threatened to lose the pennant for the Tigers.

BRESNAHAN IS SICK.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 29.—Roger Bresnahan, the new manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, returned to his home in this city after a visit to the Missouri metropolis, where he made a number of plans for next year, and at Little Rock, Ark., where he engaged Spring training quarters. While at Little Rock, Bresnahan caught a severe cold, and upon reaching here was forced to take immediately to his bed, as his physicians state he is threatened with an attack of pneumonia.

COLLEGE MAN TO ENTER RING

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.—Another aspirant for heavyweight pugilistic honors has appeared in the form of a college man, one who has played tackle on his varsity eleven, and one who for the past year faced the Pennsylvania, Princeton, Harvard and Yale teams on the gridiron eleven on the gridiron. The would-be champion is Edward Casey, and he is still yesterday afternoon he was a student at Villa Nova College.

Casey is the man who made the touchdown against Princeton this Fall, but the play was disallowed after he had made an eighty-yard run and outdusted Tibbett, the All-American half back, who chased him down the field.

Casey is a magnificently developed man, nineteen years of age, stands six feet, weighs 185 pounds stripped, has a normal chest development of forty-one inches, forty-five inches expanded, and has a thirty-four-inch waist. He lives in Bridgeport, Ct., and expressed a desire to meet John Willie Kubiak.

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"Taylor is a great man to have on a club," said McGraw. "He is never disheartened, and when everything is going bad and the boys are disgruntled he always bobs up with a smiling face and puts the whole club in good humor. He never bears the sour remarks, and always looks on the bright side of things."

Taylor, by the way, is the only baseball player who ever declined an advance in salary. Soon after the baseball season of the team he suggested to Taylor that he would raise him more money, thinking that he would encourage him to work hard in the Spring. Taylor took his head violently and let out that grunt of dissatisfaction that the ball players know so well.

Then McGraw to understand that he was afraid he would not be able to earn the increase in salary and, steadfastly refused. Until the following year, when "Mc" gave him some more anyway.

WINNER TO MEET ROLLER.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The Jeffries Athletic Club made definite announcements to-day to have a heavyweight boxing match between the winner of the Kaufman-Barry bout here Wednesday night and Tom Kelly, a Seattle athlete. The bout, which will take place on January 28, will be for twenty five rounds.

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He Had His Good Points

It Only Required One Circumstance to Bring 'Em Out

By KENNETT HARRIS

"HE'S a right clever old man when you get to know him," said the storekeeper, as the sharp-faced reckon with the peaked cloth cap left the store. "Some folks don't like him at all; he's pretty mean, but there's a heap more to him than that he's got a good deal of what he is."

"A decent sight worse" supplemented Washington Hancock. "I wouldn't say but that's why there's more grocery jobs on there's others that hasn't got on red sent to mail another. It's specie the mean- ness that there he is like to the world, and when you see a single light like Uncle Timmie with $10,000 or more in the bank mah money, an' a half section of the best farm land in the county, it makes you think that all the white whiskered angels ain't in heaven."

"I reckon there's suthin' in that," remarked Sol Baker. "Being lovable well had makes a difference."

"If Uncle Timmie wasn't a ruler of the Farmers' National an' if he done his trad- in' with Seth Hooker maybe Rife wouldn't pick up that there way he does," speculated Marvin Parsons.

"I hain't sayin' that a man's virtues is all his when he's poor," said Hancock. "Jest I'm sayin' that a feller of sense has qualities a right smart pulmer if he's well- ized. It reminds me of the Sibley over in Dorchester, that never let me glance to pay when I was knee high to a grasshopper."

"I reckon the Lord never made a man with honest- ness than he did Timmie. When I met him a month down the road I'd see the methodist church—all 'cept- the spire—the blacksmith shop and Col. Barker's brick residence—what I mean to align all at one clip. Looked like a pack- ther in one o' these yer cow'ered frames. You've seen how-signed men, but you never seen one like him. If they'd been straightened out he would have been about seven feet tall, but as it was he wasn't none's an inch or two over five foot. Then as he had red whiskers, which wasn't never to be combed out, an' a bald laid an' both eyes turned in to- ards his nose, an' somebody had fed him cheese was a sight on it. He shonely was powerful homely."

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Have Friends Now

"You know the way a woman talks. Well, Mis' Trumble kep' on thataway all month as she was swashin' the water around an' mumpin' about, an' I'm not in the doorway sayin' an' all of a itch to tell what had happened. Fin'ly as Mis' Trumble some interrupted to bring him a bucket for more water, he give her the let- ter an' let her read it.

"For mussy's sakes!" she says when she'd spelled it clear, 'Mr. Bigbee, do you mean to say that all that money's mine?' to you.

"That's what it is," said Ira, puffin' at his pipe an' tryin' to look 's if he wasn't never seen nothin' suprisin' nor shocken to have some friends.

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"As far as eyes is concerned, I reckon it was a man's eye is red con- cerned, but I will say he was pugnac- tious. I will say he was mighty good-look- ing.

"'Shoo!' says Ira, smilin' clear up to his ears. 'Well, mebbe there's worse-lookin' folks, an' I may take a fancy to me yet.'

"'You don't need no gals,' Ira,' says Mis' Trumble. 'What you want is a stiddy, keerful, experienced, smart woman. She don't knows your good points, but she'll soon do for you the way a man like you'd orter be cooked an' done for.'

"That's what she said to him. It goes to show what I was a- sayin'.

"But what come of it?" asked Baker.

Hancock regarded him with an expres- sion of supreme contempt. "Well, what do you s'pose come of it?" he said.

TIGHTWADDO THE MONK

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His Missing Penny Wasn't Lost, After All

GREAT SCOTT! THERE'S A PENNY MISSING!!
I WONDER IF IT COULD HAVE DROPPED ON THE FLOOR!
'TAINT UNDER THE BUREAU, EITHER. THAT'S HARD LINES!!
I MIGHT HAVE DROPPED IT IN HERE! — NO USE TALKING, THIS IS TOUGH LUCK!
I'VE LOST A PENNY! HAVE YOU SEEN ANYTHING OF IT?
NOW I REMEMBER!— YESTERDAY I CONTRIBUTED TO THE 'SICK BABIES' FUND!
Gus Mager

Sermons in Stones

A Kentucky Headstone—and a Nation's Ingratitude

By REV. THOS. B. GREGORY

DOWN in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, one may see, among many other memorials of the departed, a very modest headstone bearing the initials "G. R. C."

The initials are "all Greek" to the great majority of those whose attention may be called to them, and only those exclusively characters stand for the name of one of the purest patriots and most valiant soldiers that our country has ever produced.

George Rogers Clark! The nation never had a son that loved it more devotedly or defended it more effectively.

And yet this man's grave is hardly marked; and in all probability there are not a dozen people in the whole United States who could go to Louisville and pick out the weather-worn stone that was long ago set up to show his final resting place.

There is no finer part of our country than the region once known as the "Illinois Country," or the "Northwest," with its splendid rivers and fertile prairies, the west, to-day, of a population reaching into the millions, whose wealth is well up into the billions, and, young as it is, it is able to point to its metropolis and say, "Here is the fourth city of the earth."

A Mighty Gift to the Nation

And all this was the *gift* of George Rogers Clark.

In 1778, about the time of the Saratoga Convention, Clark conceived the idea of wresting and holding the great region northwest of the Ohio, and with characteristic energy proceeded to make the idea good.

Laying the matter before Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Madison and a few others, and getting their approval of the plan proposed, Clark raised a little army of some two hundred and fifty men and started out on his memorable expedition.

The campaign terminating in the capture of Vincennes made his bold dream a reality, and the Illinois country was in possession of the United colonies.

The capture of Vincennes was one of the most notable and heroic achievements in American history. Clark had conducted a forced march of about two hundred and thirty miles, through almost unheard-of difficulties. With a small party (130 men) he appeared in the heart of a strange and hostile country, without the aid of artillery, and his whole mounted by means of ropes and swivels and manned by a trained garrison more than double the size of his own force.

His work was done quickly and thoroughly, and the Northwest was ours.

When the commissioners at Paris, in 1782, were arranging the terms of peace, the supreme importance of Clark's work loomed up large. France and Spain were jealous of letting us get the Mississippi Valley, but we had the big end of the argument.

Our commissioners said to the wily diplomats, "But, gentlemen, possession is nine points of the law, and we are in possession."

A Nation's Ingratitude

There was no answering that argument, and the diplomats retired as gracefully as they could.

Such argument they surely would not have had but for the genius and valor of the man who sleeps hard by the modest, time-stained little headstone down in Cave Hill Cemetery.

The old saw about the "Ingratitude of Republics" finds in Clark a case a forceful illustration. After spending his fortune and his best years in the service of his country, Clark found himself, in his old age, poor and forsaken.

One day as the old man was sitting on the porch of his sister's home near Louisville, dreaming of the brave days of old, and wondering, maybe, where his next day's bread was coming from, certain commissioners appeared upon the scene, bringing him a richly ornamented sword that had been voted him by the State of Virginia.

Receiving the speeches of the delegation in silence, the old veteran then burst forth into rage that was terrible, and breaking the weapon with his crutch, cried out: "When Virginia needed a sword I gave her one. She now sends me a toy. I want bread."

In reading of the grand old man's anger we find our sympathy with him overwhelming, all other feelings.

There are times when presentation speeches and the presents are out of order, and one of those times is when one is old and poor, and starving.

Republic's Glory Dimmed

Those who are acquainted with the history of the great Republic need no reminder of the fact that its glory would be clearer than it is if it had been more humanely considerate of many of its most devoted sons.

Robert Morris, for instance, who, after making such sacrifice for his country as but seldom appears in the annals of patriotic devotion, was left by that country to creep down to his grave in penury and want.

It is hard to recognize the distinction that is often made between public and private affairs, and that the things that are unfair and wrong will be tolerated in public men and measures go more than in the life and dealings of the private individual.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX

AN UNCERTAIN PROBLEM

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have been keeping company with a young man for about a year dearly, for my home several times, and had come to be still going me dearly. I asked him why he did not write, and he said he could not tell me. Now, dear Miss Fairfax, do you think he is deceiving me, or that he really loves me? I am anxious to know

CONSTANT READER.

I AM afraid that you cannot place much reliance in his avowal of love. Do not grow too interested in him for I fear that it will only make you unhappy.

WRITE ONCE MORE

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am in love with a girl one year my junior. She claims she loves me. I called on her one night and she left she asked me to write, which I did, but didn't receive an answer. I also wrote another letter, asking her why she didn't write, but still didn't receive an answer. What would you advise me to do, as I really love her and wouldn't like to lose her friendship?

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SHE certainly has not been very prompt in answering your letters, but this, you know, is a busy time of year, so do not be discouraged if you once more write her. If you receive no answer to that, you had better give her up.

was going away to the country so promised sincerely he would write. I sent him letters, but did not receive an answer to either. When I came back to New York he came to my home several times, and told me he still loved me dearly. I asked him why he did not write, and he said he could not tell me. Now, dear Miss Fairfax, do you think he is deceiving me, or that he really loves me? I am anxious to know

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To-day's Best Story

A MINISTER who had a somewhat parsimonious congregation once induced the Rev. Sam Jones, an eccentric lecturer and evangelist, to come and preach for him.

Just before the sermon was to begin the usual collection was taken up, and found to consist mostly of nickels and pennies, together with a liberal sprinkling of buttons.

The Rev. Sam glanced contemptuously at the baskets as they were placed on the edge of the platform near his chair, and then, turning to the minister in charge, he asked:

"Is that a fair sample of the collection you get in this church?"

"Yes," was the reply. "I should say that is about the average. My people are not very liberal givers."

"I see they're not," remarked Sam dryly. "But do you know what I'd do if I were pastor over a congregation of this kind? Why, I'd point out the meanest, closest, stingiest, lowdown fellow in it, and I could find and tell him on them."

The faithful pair bowed their head up beside his mouth, leaned toward his brother Sam's ear and responded in a stage whisper:

"That is just what I had thought of doing, Sam Jones, Sam."

Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife

He Receives a Grand, New Set of Rules on Social Decorum

By Arthur Farland

"I AIN'T seen you for the last few days," said the "L" guard, as Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife hurried into the car. "Where you been hidin' out?"

"Off on a business trip," retorted Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife, "and accidentally learning that I am greatly remiss on social observances, forms of ceremony, decorum and etiquette."

"Sounds like you ain't a perfect gentleman," grinned Billy. "What's all them stylish words about, anyhow?"

"According to the Madam, they are a few essentials no self-respecting family can do without. Etiquette is part of fashionable life, of show. If pinches, makes one sore and uncomfortable, but must be worn because it's the vogue, while the good, old fashioned carpet slippers of your everyday manners are relegated to the dim recesses of the family skeleton closet."

"I guess I still hep to what you mean," admitted Billy. "Come along with your spiel, Ito, in words of one syllable."

"Well, it happened Thursday, as the story-writers say," began Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife. "The head of our firm ordered me off to Boston for a day to clean up a little business deal with one of our most important customers, and suggested that it would be a good scheme to take Minnehaha along, to sort of tactfully hobnob with the wife of our customer, while I closed the deal with the husband.

"What are vulgar dollars, compared to breeding? At least we saved our dignity"

Must Brush Up on Manners

"The Madam was delighted when I broke the news to her. 'To Boston!' she caroled, rapturously. 'How I have longed to visit that enchanting city—the home of Culture.' She pronounced it with a capital C, Billy.") where everybody who isn't even anybody is thoroughly upon social observances and the rules of good form,' she said. 'Which reminds me that, in spite of my vigilance, you have fallen into dreadfully careless habits of late, and unless you brush up on your manners you will be painfully out of harmony with the general atmosphere of Uncle Boston.'

"Oh, di mi!' I replied, coyly. 'Then let's grab Time by his firmly- forelock and try to become acclimated to that rarefied Boston air before we start. What's the head-liner in my list of offenses?'

"Minnehaha shuddered. 'Your use of slang, to begin with,' she said. 'My dear,' protested, 'slang has become a necessary adjunct to our language. Why, even a friend of mine who makes verse—he didn't he remark that he'd a perfectly silly time in his Presidential squabble.' 'Pray don't quote Mr. A. Ward to me,' said Minnehaha with dainty disgust, for I detest him quite indefinite- ly. Then, it certainly would have been much more genteel and refined had you said silly- ity of his office, if he had said he'd had a novel beautiful time during his admin- tration.' Wouldn't that disturb your equilibrium, Billy?'

"Whatever did it," admitted the "L" guard.

"Minnehaha then took up the thread of her discourse by informing me that she talked too loud," continued Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife. Really, you quite distress me with your faculty for shouting every statement you make,' said she, 'and I am sure that in Boston even the common people (if there are any of that sort there) speak in well-bred, modulated tones.'

"Yes, I daresay the street car conductors gently breathe the names of the passing streets to the assembled passengers, and truck drivers urge their teams forward in cultivated whispers,' said I, lowering my voice three octaves so that Minnehaha had to strain her ears to catch the drift of my remarks.

"But enough of these lapses of good form of which I am guilty in the Madam's eyes, Billy. I want to tell you about the grand denouement of that Boston trip.

Dine with a Stranger? Never!

"We arrived at the cultured city and having registered at the swellest beanery in the burg, I proceeded to the interview with our head-line customer. He was just a fat, good-natured old slob, though sharp as an un-safety razor, and laughing my joy and rapture when he suggested that I go out to dinner at his joint that evening and bring my wife along to meet his wife; there we could discuss our little business deal at leisure over our coffee and cigars.

"I burried back to the hotel to bear the joyful tidings to the wife of my bosom.

"'Oh, goody! we can go out to dine at his home this evening,' I breathed gently, 'and have you become acquainted with his wife.'

"What!' said Minnehaha, almost raising her voice in her indignation. 'Dine at his home before his wife has called on me? Never! It would be a most awkward thing to do—a dreadful breach of etiquette—and I decline to lower my dignity so far as to accept any such invitation.

"'But, my dear,' I gasped, 'it is positively necessary that I discuss the deal with Mr. Piestybough, at length and under favorable circumstances, and I must insist upon your accompanying me this evening. It would hardly do for me to begin by of feasting him. Believe me, it is a thoroughly informal, good-natured old chap and probably don't know any more about good form and all that rot than—than I do!'

"'We are in BOSTON!' said Minnehaha, and this time each letter was a capital, and everybody here is conversant with the language of good society. It is positively necessary for this Mr. Pientybough to ask us to dine at his home before his wife has formally called upon me.'

"He doubtless judges us to be very ordinary people,' I argued, 'and we should be classed in such a category neither will permit you to go forget your dignity as to go without me.'

"'I shall permit it. I saw friend Inevitable looming into view, and I knew the matter was closed once and for all time. Back I trotted to old Pientybough's office and handed him a heart-rending letter about Minnehaha's state of health forbidding me being to dine at his bungalow that evening; but as I remarked in a previous chapter, the old bird was sharp, and the long and short of it was I lost on the deal.

Dignity Saved at High Cost

"'Do you know that your rant about good form and all that sort of rot has cost us several hundred dollars' commission?' I said to Minnehaha, in as wrathful a tone as it is safe for me to assume.

"'Indeed?' she replied infinity. 'Well, what are vulgar dollars compared to breeding? At least we saved our dignity.'

"My Christmas present from the firm, Billy," concluded Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife, "was a lectern right off the tee and a warning to look to my laurels in the future."

"Oh, these wimmin folks!" sympathized Billy. "Don't they git wun goat, though? Maybe the Skirt ain't that gerrickter, too.

I meets her on Third avenue the other evenin', and says I: 'Where you goin', girl?' 'Don't call me kid,' says she, 'call me *kiddo*.'

"It looks like they're all alike when it comes to good manners and correct speaking. Now as for me, I always found your manners clean to the mustard, Ito, and if the Madam thinks you talk too loud, why don't you just let her come into your office one time and ketch you whisperin' to your typewriter and you'll see that wouldn't put an end to your lessons in voice culture."

"That would be a good plan, Billy, if my typewriter girl wasn't a man. But if you want me to, I'll take your advice and try it, kiting, by Boston rule in little old New York." Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Wife unfolded into his paper, while Billy drifted out on the platform to admire the crowding passengers to "step lively."

Tightwaddo Spends Money!!

Can You Tell How Much His Family Set Him Back?

"NEVER AGAIN!" said Tightwaddo, emphatically. "They've made me spend half my money! When I started out, I had so many dollars, or I now have pennies, and twice as many pennies as I now have dollars.

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Sayings of a Cynic

MANY a single man is guilty of double dealing.

A man is always willing to lend you $5 when he hasn't got it.

The only regular thing about some men is their irregularity.

Too many men try to adjust their religion to fit their business.

An automobile by any other name would, no doubt, smell the same.

Some women, like puddings, are too rich to agree with their husbands.

A discontented person is almost as big a bore as one who is self-satisfied.

Every time two women go to a matinee together they call it a theatre party.

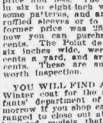
There's sufficient money in circulation, but the trouble is in getting it to circulate our way.

Never judge by outward appearances. A good-looking woman may not be as good as she looks.

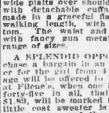
Isn't it queer how people who are not capable of giving advice to themselves seem to know the proper thing for you to do.

Tomorrow's Best Bargains

Money-Savers for Thrifty Shoppers Selected by an Expert



AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD value in a corset, a smart model and well made, may be had at Chandler & Co.'s Tremont street shop to-morrow for $1, and it is actually a $2 value. It is made of good quality French coutille, with the popular long lines over the hips and back, has two pairs of hose supporters attached and is finished at top with plain tailored band and neat lace edging. For an inexpensive corset to serve now and on all days may be had, an excellent sale is expected.



THE SHEPARD Norwell Company have arranged a special sale of sheets for Wednesday and Thursday. Both kinds of these full sized bleached sheets, made 2½ yards wide by 2¾ yards long, of fine quality, "Mohawk" cotton, all torn and hemmed and finished with neat three-inch hems, that are considered excellent value at 89 cents, will be placed on sale, just to readers of this column, at 65 cents each, if you would like a new supply of these quality sheets at a saving it would be well to shop here to-morrow.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A TAFfeta silk waist for service, or a dressy waist for evening wear, you will find Conroy's Tremont street shop and ask to see the waists marked $3.75 and $4.75. In the lot marked $2.99 several smart tailored waists of black taffeta silk with some dressy models in taffeta and batiste, being nice, formerly sold for prices from $5 up to $7.50, will be found, and in the higher priced lot marked $4.75 are handsome lingerie waists, messaline models that have been different prices up to $12.50. Some of the waists are broken lots, containing odd waists, but if you find your size surely will get a bargain.

AT WOLFE'S "MY CLOTHIER" YOU will find about one dozen shirt waist suits made from a new and pretty striped material, that were formerly sold for $4.98, but which, while they last, to readers they will be reduced to $1.98 on Wednesday. They are in white, trimmed with white plaits over shoulder, has long sleeves with detachable cuffs, and the skirt is made in a graceful flared gored model in black and white stripes. Sold at $1.98 each.

THE WAIST AND SKIRT ARE TRIMMED with fancy gun metal buttons and a good range of sizes.

A SPECIAL GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PURchase a bargain in an all-wool coat awaits for the girl from 4 years to 8 years of age will be offered to Wednesday shoppers at Filene's, when one lot of sweaters, just forty-five in all, that formerly sold for $1.89, will be marked to 98 cents each. These coat sweaters in just the thing for school wear, and these are very practical ones, as they are all made in plain navy blue, with red or gray border trimmings, have deep side pockets and large smoked pearl buttons. A bargain at 98 cents that should not be missed.

COL. MENARD PASSES AWAY

Arrangements have been completed for the funeral of the late Colonel Samuel J. Menard, chief clerk to the superintendent of schools. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Church of the Good Shepherd on Huntington avenue.

Colonel Menard's death was a great shock to his friends. A week ago today he was at his desk, but was taken ill while on Roxbury errands. He returned to Boston and was taken to his home. Complications also taken in. Colonel Menard then was removed to a private hospital on Marlboro street. Pneumonia developed and he died yesterday.

Colonel Menard was unmarried. He belonged to several clubs, including the Press Club. He served on the staff of Governor Long.

MAYOR URGES MANY REFORMS

The attention of the city government, the removal of the petty designations and the granting of full power to the Mayor of Boston in the matter of appointments are three of the measures urged by Mayor Hibbard before the Women Accessory Municipal Club of the Warren Avenue Congregational Church in Roxbury. He recommends to advocate these before the next Legislature. He thinks also urged that he was a believer in home rule for Boston and that the higher tax rate in this city for the present year was due to the new tax assessment and not to extravagance in the management of the city affairs.

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Justice Wright, Who Imprisoned the Labor Leaders

It Is Interesting to Know How He Became a Justice

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We forget things quickly in America, but not all have yet forgotten that the other day three labor leaders, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, were sentenced to jail for twelve, nine and six months, respectively, for contempt of court.

These men were not accused of stealing anything. They hadn't done what Trust owners do every day. They had not exploited the entire people.

They were not even accused of a real crime against any individual. The fact is that, by exercising what they imagined to be their right of free speech under the Constitution, they hurt the feelings of a certain man on the bench.

Justice Wright sentenced these labor leaders to jail because they had done something that a judge in an injunction had told them they must not do. They were punished, in fact, for disregarding a judge's orders.

That sentence makes it clear that in this country a judge on the bench, even a petty, unknown, unimportant judge, with no more real record than a first-class dachshund, stands in dignity and majesty above all the people.

For we know that a Trust manager, committing a crime against all of the people notoriously, is NEVER put in jail. And when he is fined, if his fine is big, it is remitted. (Ask Mr. Rockefeller.)

These labor leaders, not having offended the PEOPLE, but having hurt the feelings of a judge who gave them an order, are sent to jail promptly.

This is an interesting case, and in the future history of this country may be considered infinitely more important than matters which now attract wider attention.

The people of the United States have talked so much about money and ITS rights that they are inclined to forget the human being and HIS rights. We have rather lost sight of the fact that the rebellion against England, our first great war, was simply an assertion of the rights of man, and we have also lost sight of the fact that the War of the Rebellion, our second great war, was another assertion of the rights of man—even of the friendless black slave.

When a nation forgets fundamental truths, it either sinks into apathy and disappears, or it receives some shock that revives its conscience and begins again a career based on respect for manhood.

We are inclined to think that this decision, which sends three men to prison because they offended the majesty of one unimportant judge, coupled with the innumerable decisions that refuse to imprison the really great criminals—the Trust managers—may play an important part in the future history of this country. We shall not be surprised to see this case referred to in future writings as seriously as men to-day refer to the Dred Scott decision.

We do not expect any sudden realization of the importance of these prison sentences.

As we have told you, these are the days of money, not of men. Money is powerful, and men are weak. The so-called perfect system of universal suffrage and government by the majority has become almost a first-class joke in a country where the majority govern not at all.

But that will not always be so.

Meanwhile, while the people sleep, we invite our readers to consider with some attention the fact that Justice Wright, of the Supreme bench of the District of Columbia, was taken out of Cincinnati and put on that bench by Mr. Roosevelt on the recommendation of Senator Foraker. And we ask our readers to remember that this Senator Foraker whose recommendation put upon the bench the man who puts labor leaders in prison is the same Senator Foraker that received those charming letters from John D. Archbold, of the Standard Oil, enclosing much love and affection with certificates of deposit of a comfortable size.

Readers, when your judges are chosen by men who get the certificates of deposit from the Trusts, and do their work in the Senate, you have a right to suspect that you are PERHAPS not getting the best possible judges in the world. And this we say with no personal comment upon Justice Wright, of whom we never heard before and of whom we should be quite content never to hear again.

Little Editorials from the People

WANTS BILL PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE.

Editor Boston American:

I note with interest the proposal to build a rapid transit tunnel from Marion Park, City Point, through Broadway and under Fort Point Channel, to the Essex station of the Washington street tunnel, as told in last Sunday's Boston American.

I think this is a commendable suggestion, but how the promoters of this idea intended that to build a tunnel under the harbor consent must first be obtained from the Legislature, I note that the promoters of the Rose & Kimball bubble will extend their lines to Peabody and Danvers, are engaged in proceedings to obtain most certain permission to tunnel to East Boston from Hoosac Cove. Why do not the advocates of the South Boston tunnel present a bill to the next House, or at least put the matter up to the Railroad Commissioner? ALEXANDER E. O'REILLY.

South Boston.

WORKING GIRL SCORES CONDITIONS.

Editor Boston American:

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that great hardship is being experienced by the large number of young girls who work in the whole-sale section in Boston and are compelled to make a very early start to reach their employment on time in the morning. They cannot get cars at the subway and have to walk from Boylston or Park streets across Washington. At night conditions are worse, for there seem to be more people than ever in the Tremont subway and no elevated trains.

I have not been able to get a seat on a street car since the Washington tunnel was opened. Why don't you publish some photographs showing the way the cars are ever crowded in the subway?

HETTY WARREN DRAKE.

Columbus avenue.

"OFFICIAL GUIDES, PLEASE!"

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

Please inform me, through your paper where I can find some sort of a car guide to show how to reach the business section of the city from Back Bay. There surely must be some way of getting to the wholesale district by street car, but since the new Washington street tunnel has been opened I am unable to get a car that will take me to where I want to go, South street.

Formerly I could go to the North station by the elevated. Now I am compelled to walk from Park square, and as the streets are so crowded the distance seems twice as long as it really is. HERBERT BRANDON.

Beacon street.

COLOSSAL BLUNDER IN BUILDING TUBE.

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

Your stand on the rapid transit muddle should entitle you to the grateful thanks of every man and woman in Greater Boston. Every word you have published on this grave public scandal is for that is what it really is is gospel truth.

That someone has made a colossal blunder in carrying out an engineering scheme of colossal cost is as plain as that 2 and 2 make 4. How on earth can the Boston Transit Commission explain away to the satisfaction of the public the isolation of the South station in the way it has been isolated?

Winthrop. J. W. B.

NEVER AGAIN

By T. E. Powers

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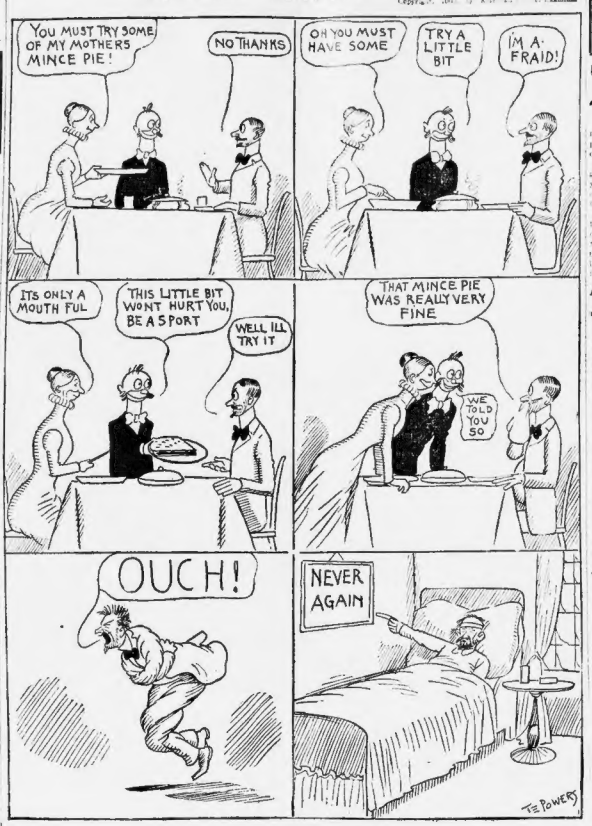
YOU MUST TRY SOME OF MY MOTHERS MINCE PIE!
NO THANKS
OH YOU MUST HAVE SOME
TRY A LITTLE BIT
I'M AFRAID!
ITS ONLY A MOUTH FUL
THIS LITTLE BIT WONT HURT YOU, BE A SPORT
WELL ILL TRY IT
THAT MINCE PIE WAS REALLY VERY FINE
WE TOLD YOU SO
OUCH!
NEVER AGAIN
T.E. POWERS

What Real Education Is

The College Is Only Its Ante-Room. Its Better Part Comes From a Study of Life and the True Self

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

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THIS is a great college age for young women and women. Every father in America, with few exceptions, is trying or hoping, where trying seems impossible to give his children a college education.

Meantime the colleges are turning out graduates each year, more and more each year, and the number of colleges is increasing, and the interest of the public in higher education was never so great.

All this is good, in its way, for the mental development of the race. Yet let no college man or woman feel too great egotism in the education which has been obtained, nor too great confidence in its having bestowed all the knowledge obtainable in life.

Not Leaders of Opinion

Here is what Professor Hyslop, himself a college man, says of universities:

"The public should not be fooled by the assumption that universities are the great leaders of human opinion. They never have been. They are always conservative bodies teaching what others have discovered, and as often opposing with all their might any and all innovations that disturb their fine settled comforts.

"It is worth remembering that no great philosophy or scientific truth of cosmic character, against popular prejudice or tradition, ever originated in a university. Copernican astronomy, Newtonian gravitation and Darwinian evolution all originated and won their victories outside the universities and against the opposition of such institutions.

"For the great philosophic systems we have, on the Continent Descartes, Spinoza, Leibnitz and Schopenhauer, and in England Locke, Berkeley, Hume, John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer, all outside the universities.

Freedom of Thought

"In the universities we have Kant and Hegel as the only representatives in the production of a system. But they have met the fate of obscurantism. They have had the double curse of trying to placate skeptic and orthodox in the same breath, and no one to-day can tell what their doctrines meant. Scarcely any two men agree as to what their philosophy is. They serve the good purpose of enabling young men to take their degree in philosophy, but nothing more.

"The universities did not permit sufficient freedom of thought to produce an intelligible philosophy. The atmosphere is one of respectability. The pressure of the organization with its financial interests operates as a very strong incentive to cautiousness, both in convictions and in the expression of them when once obtained, and especially if those convictions are adverse to the interests of the institution and of the individual whose position is at stake.

Words for College Men

"On all subjects about which the public cares nothing, or does not see the import or tendency of, there is perfect freedom and perhaps more exemption from prejudice in the formation of opinions. But on any subject affecting the general beliefs of the community there is either no proper freedom at all or there is complete indifference to the great questions involved. The prejudices of such institutions are all on the side of personal interest."

It is a good thing for every college graduate to re-consider these statements of Professor Hyslop, and to go forth humbly and work for a higher education than the college has bestowed.

A college graduate, man or woman, has merely laid the foundation for real knowledge. Real knowledge comes from a study of men, from a study of life, and from a study of true self. Colleges give only information found in books.

A young graduate of a college and of a medical school said with lofty condescension, "We are not yet ready to acknowledge that there is any real value in Ibsen Rays, in the world of medicine."

Must Shed "Blinders"

It had not occurred to the young man to look up the overwhelming number of reports of miraculous cures made by X and Violet Rays in the last ten years in Europe and America. When some of these startling were placed before him he was astounded.

His college blinders fell from his eyes, and he was forced to see facts to which he had been oblivious and indifferent. Almost invariably college men and women are egregiously skeptical on subjects classed under the general heading of "Psychical Research." Because the college has not taught them along these lines, they believe there are topics unworthy of intellectual consideration.

It was in reply to the egotistical attack of a college man on the subject that Professor Hyslop, president of the "Society of Research," made the statements quoted above.

Study Life and Self

Young men and women who are not enabled to enjoy a college education need not feel that life is spoiled, opportunity missed or achievements rendered impossible for them, in consequence.

Concentration of purpose, application, industry, patience and an open mind, ready to receive all sorts of thought to produce from any worthy source, will finally bestow a higher and broader education than that received in a college course if the graduate has been content to plunge his vision afterward.

If you are a college graduate take off your college blinders as you pass along the road of life, and cease gazing at every new idea however embodied or the college "hall mark" it may use.

The college is but the ante-room to education.

THIS IS TOO MUCH!

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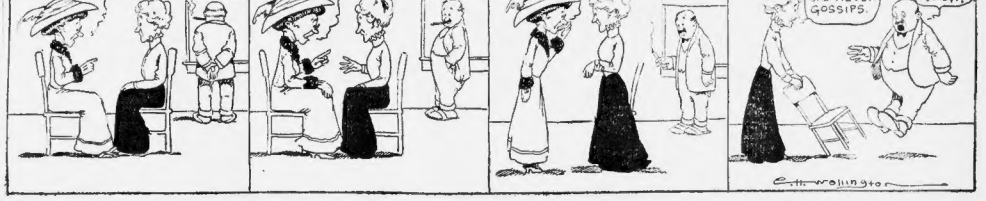
YOU KNOW I NEVER TALK ABOUT ANYBODY - BUT -
-I KNOW SHE BLONDINES HER HAIR AND SHE PAINTS SOMETHING AWFUL AND-
-THEY SAY SHE HAS RATHER A LURID PAST WELL-I MUST BE GOING
I'M SO FOND OF GLADYS BECAUSE SHE NEVER GOSSIPS
NEVER GOSSIP, THIS IS TOO MUCH!
E.M. Wollington

THE HALL-ROOM BOYS

They Hurry Back to Keep an Engagement

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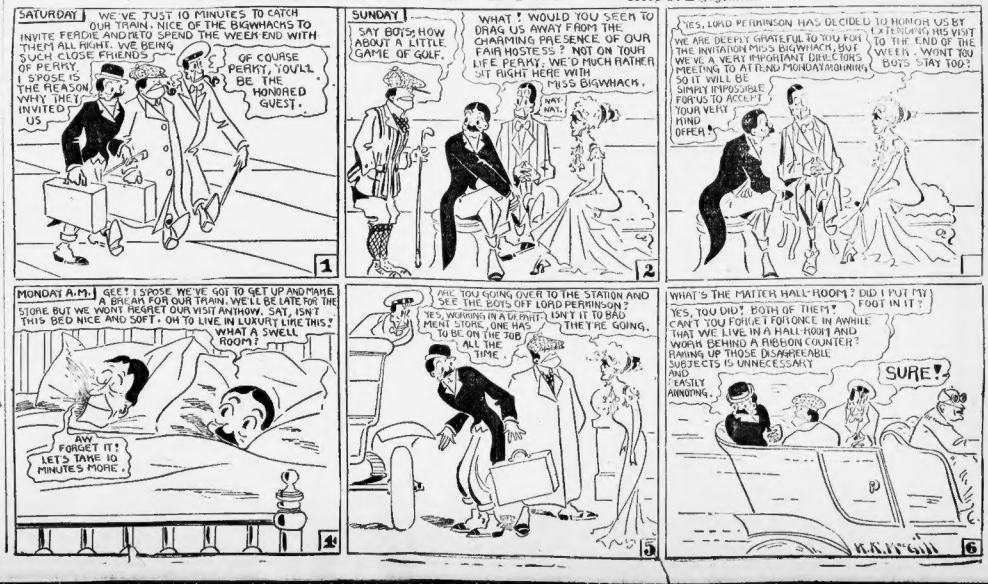
SATURDAY
WE'VE JUST 10 MINUTES TO CATCH OUR TRAIN. NICE OF THE BIGWHACKS TO INVITE FERDIE AND ME TO SPEND THE WEEK-END WITH THEM ALL RIGHT. WE BEING SUCH CLOSE FRIENDS OF PERRY.
I SPOSE IS THE REASON WHY THEY INVITED US
OF COURSE PERRY, YOU'LL BE THE HONORED GUEST.
1
SUNDAY
SAY BOYS, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE GAME OF GOLF.
WHAT! WOULD YOU SEEM TO DRAG US AWAY FROM THE CHARMING PRESENCE OF OUR FAIR HOSTESS? NOT ON YOUR LIFE, PERRY. WE'D MUCH RATHER SIT RIGHT HERE WITH MISS BIGWHACK.
NAY, NAY.
2
YES, LORD PERMINSON HAS DECIDED TO HONOR US BY EXTENDING HIS VISIT TO THE END OF THE WEEK. WONT YOU BOYS STAY TOO?
WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE INVITATION MISS BIGWHACK, BUT WE'VE A VERY IMPORTANT DIRECTORS MEETING TO ATTEND MONDAY MORNING. SO IT WILL BE QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCEPT YOUR VERY KIND OFFER.
3
MONDAY A.M.
GEE! I SPOSE WE'VE GOT TO GET UP AND MAKE A BREAK FOR OUR TRAIN. WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE STORE BUT WE WONT REGRET OUR VISIT ANYHOW. SAY, ISN'T THIS BED NICE AND SOFT. OH TO LIVE IN LUXURY LIKE THIS. WHAT A SWELL ROOM!
AW FORGET IT! LET'S TAKE 10 MINUTES MORE.
4
ARE YOU GOING OVER TO THE STATION AND SEE THE BOYS OFF LORD PERMINSON?
YES, WORKING IN A DRY GOODS STORE, ONE HAS TO BE ON THE JOB ALL THE TIME.
ISN'T IT TO BAD THEY'RE GOING.
5
WHAT'S THE MATTER HALL-ROOM? DID I PUT MY FOOT IN IT?
YES, YOU DID! BOTH OF THEM! CAN'T YOU FORGET FOR ONCE IN AWHILE THAT WE LIVE IN A HALL-ROOM AND WORK BEHIND A RIBBON COUNTER? RUINING THOSE DASHED ABLE SUBJECTS IS UNNECESSARY AND REALLY ANNOYING.
SURE!
K.A.L. Gill
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